

**AMENDMENT TO INTERIOR AND ENVIRONMENT
APPROPRIATIONS BILL
OFFERED BY MS. MCCOLLUM OF MINNESOTA**

In the Bill:

On page 11, line 13, strike “\$5,000,000” and insert “\$10,000,000”.

On page 65, lines 16 and 19, insert “deviation,” between the words “departure” and “variance”.

On page 73, line 24, strike “\$2,681,704,000” and insert “\$2,707,704,000”.

On page 74, line 5, strike “\$475,958,000” and insert “\$501,958,000”.

On page 78, line 14, strike “\$4,641,992,000” and insert “\$4,620,992,000”.

On page 78, line 16, strike “\$1,810,000,000” and insert “\$1,784,000,000”.

On page 86, line 9, strike “\$50,000,000” and insert “\$55,000,000”.

On page 90, line 20, strike “\$305,000,000” and insert “\$320,000,000”.

In the Report:

On page 5 after “CORAL REEF HEALTH” insert the following:

CUSTOMER SERVICE

The Committee directs each of the agencies funded by this Act to develop standards to improve customer service and incorporate the standards into the performance plans required under title 31 of the United States Code.

On page 7 after “PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES” insert the following:

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

The Committee directs all agencies funded by this Act to comply with title 31 of the United States Code, including the development of their organizational priority goals and outcomes such as performance outcome measures, output measures, efficiency measures, and customer service measures.

On page 9, at the appropriate location insert the following new heading and paragraph:

PUBLIC ACCESS

The Department of the Interior and the Forest Service are directed to notify the House and Senate Com-

mittees on Appropriations in advance of any proposed project specifically intending to close an area to recreational shooting, hunting, or fishing on a non-emergency basis of more than 30 days.

On page 11, under the heading “*Wildlife and Aquatic Habitat Management*”, at the appropriate place insert the following:

The Committee notes that at the recommended level, the bill supports the Plant Conservation and Restoration Program, including the Seeds of Success program, above the enacted level.

On page 23, under the heading “*Population Assessment and Cooperative Management*” add a new line at the end of the paragraph:

Within available funds, \$250,000 is provided for Service biologists to research and develop a plan to eradicate northern snakehead in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed.

On page 27, under the heading “COOPERATIVE ENDANGERED SPECIES CONSERVATION FUND”, in the last sentence of the second paragraph, strike “\$5,000,000” and insert “\$10,000,000”.

On page 39, at the appropriate place under the heading “CONSTRUCTION”, insert the following paragraph:

The Service is encouraged to review and update if necessary the pavement design and composition standards for highways under its jurisdiction.

On page 50 of the report, under the heading “OCEAN ENERGY MANAGEMENT”, insert at the appropriate place the following paragraph:

Wind Energy.—The Committee is aware that the United States wind energy sector is rapidly expanding both on and offshore. As new projects arise and existing projects progress through the approval process the Committee urges the thorough consideration and accommodation of all affected interests including national defense, security, environmental, maritime safety, fisheries, and particularly locally affected community concerns.

On page 80 under the heading “*STAR Grants*”, after “levels”, insert:

“and urges the Agency to continue its support for the Children’s Environmental Health and Disease Prevention Research Centers”.

On page 82 at the end of the Science and Technology section, insert the following:

Enhanced Aquifer Recharge and Storage.—The Committee supports the Agency’s ongoing work on Aquifer Recharge (AR) and Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) as tools that can support sustainability and resiliency of drinking water resources across the nation. The Committee understands that in coordination with federal, state, and other partners, the Agency is leading the development of a Water Reuse Action Plan, which will be drafted later this year. The Committee supports continued efforts by the Agency to assist states and other stakeholders to creatively enhance water supplies through AR and ASR, including in sole source aquifers, and supports the continued regulation of AR and ASR under the Underground Injection Control program. The Committee encourages the Agency to consider partnerships with universities, tribes, and water related institutions for planning, research, monitoring, outreach, and implementation as it develops its Water Reuse Action Plan. Further, the Committee directs the Agency to brief the Committee on its Water Reuse Action Plan within 60 days after it is publicly available.

On page 83, under the “*Compliance*” heading, insert the following after the first paragraph:

The Committee urges the Agency, in coordination with state and local public health departments and other federal partners, to continue ambient air monitoring for ethylene oxide, particularly in communities identified by the 2014 National Air Toxics Assessment with high health hazard quotients for ethylene oxide exposure.

On page 84 under the heading “*Great Lakes Restoration Initiative*”, strike “\$305,000,000” and insert “\$320,000,000”, and strike “\$275,000,000” and insert “\$20,000,000”.

On page 85 under the heading “*Chesapeake Bay*”, strike “\$78,000,000” and insert “\$85,000,000”, in both instances strike “\$7,250,000” and insert “\$9,000,000”, and strike “\$2,500,000” and insert “\$6,000,000”.

On page 85 under the heading “*Puget Sound*”, strike “\$31,000,000” and insert “\$33,000,000”.

On page 85 under the heading “*Long Island Sound*”, strike “\$20,000,000” and insert “\$21,000,000”.

On page 85 at the appropriate place insert the following:

San Francisco Bay.—The Committee recommends \$5,019,000, a \$200,000 increase above the enacted level and \$5,019,000 above the request. The Committee di-

rects the Agency to apply the increase towards high priority activities within the Bay Delta Action Plan.

On page 85 at the appropriate place insert the following:

South Florida.—The Committee recommends \$3,504,000, a \$300,000 increase above the enacted level and \$3,504,000 above the request. The Agency is directed to apply the increase evenly to continue ongoing work monitoring coral health, enhancing water quality in the Caloosahatchee Estuary and Indian River Lagoon, and enhancing water quality in Florida Bay and Biscayne Bay.

On page 85 at the appropriate place insert the following:

Southern New England Estuaries.—The Committee recommends \$5,400,000, a \$400,000 increase above the enacted level and \$5,400,000 above the request. The Committee directs the Agency to use the increase to continue to spur investments in regionally significant and landscape-scale restoration projects through technical assistance, grants, and contracts.

On page 85 at the appropriate place insert the following:

Columbia River Basin.—The Committee recommends \$1,100,000, a \$100,000 increase above the enacted level and \$1,100,000 above the request. The Committee directs the Agency to continue to operate the program as specified under section 123 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act.

On page 95, under the heading “*Clean Water State Revolving Fund*”, after the first paragraph, insert the following:

The Committee notes that wastewater treatment facilities are some of the largest industrial users of electricity in the nation, and has provided Green Project Reserve (GPR) funds as part of the Clean Water State Revolving Fund to encourage states to improve energy and water efficiency at treatment facilities. In order to better track the ways in which states are utilizing GPR funds, the Committee directs the Agency to develop a uniform reporting framework which states may use to report their GPR spending, and urges the Agency to include tools and metrics that allow states to quantify estimated energy and water savings benefits of these investments. The Agency is directed to brief the Committee on its progress in developing this guidance within 180 days of enactment.

On page 105, under the heading “*Recreation, Heritage and Wilderness*” insert at the appropriate place the following:

“Within the funds provided for Recreation, \$750,000 is provided for maintenance of rural airstrips.”

On page 112, under the heading “*Current Services*”, strike “\$84,333,000” and insert “\$81,333,000”.

On page 112, under the heading “*Current Services*”, strike “\$23,830,000” and insert “\$20,830,000”.

On page 115, under the heading “*Purchased/Referred Care*”, strike the sentence “The increase of \$4,660,000 is provided for current services.” and insert “Within the increase of \$4,660,000, up to \$1,660,000 is to be distributed for medical inflation and \$3,000,000 is to be distributed using the program formula.”

On page 186, under the heading “Land Settlements” on the detail table, strike “875” under the Bill column for White Earth Land Settlement Act and insert “---”; and strike “54,582” under the Bill column for Hoopa-Yurok Settlement Act and insert “---”.

On page 187, under the heading “Water Settlements” on the detail table, strike “-9,813” under the Bill column for “Unallocated” and insert “45,644”.

