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[Report No. 112-117]

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to allow the storage and conveyance of nonproject water at the Norman project in Oklahoma, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 13, 2011

Mr. INHOFE introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

JANUARY 13, 2012

Reported under authority of the order of the Senate of December 17, 2011, by Mr. BINGAMAN, without amendment

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Lake Thunderbird Ef-
5 ficient Use Act of 2011”.

1 **SEC. 2. NORMAN PROJECT, OKLAHOMA.**

2 Public Law 86–529 (74 Stat. 225) is amended by
3 adding at the end the following:

4 **“SEC. 10. LAKE THUNDERBIRD.**

5 “(a) IN GENERAL.—If the Secretary of the Interior
6 determines that there is enough excess capacity in the res-
7 ervoir on the Little River known as ‘Lake Thunderbird’
8 that nonproject water can be stored in Lake Thunderbird,
9 the Secretary of the Interior may, in accordance with the
10 reclamation laws, amend an existing contract, or enter
11 into 1 or more new contracts, with the Central Oklahoma
12 Master Conservancy District for the storage and convey-
13 ance of nonproject water in Norman project facilities to
14 augment municipal and industrial supplies for the cities
15 served by the Central Oklahoma Master Conservancy Dis-
16 trict.

17 “(b) COSTS.—If any additional infrastructure is
18 needed to enable the storage and conveyance of non-
19 project water in Norman project facilities under sub-
20 section (a) or any other provision of this Act, the costs
21 of constructing, operating, and maintaining the infrastruc-
22 ture shall be the responsibility of the non-Federal entity
23 contracting with the Secretary of the Interior for storage
24 and conveyance rights.”.

1 **SEC. 3. EFFECT.**

2 Nothing in this Act or an amendment made by this
3 Act authorizes any expansion of the storage capacity of
4 Lake Thunderbird.

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