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2D SESSION

H. R. 7065

To include water supply and water conservation as a primary mission of the Corps of Engineers in planning, designing, constructing, modifying, operating, and maintaining water resources development projects, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 22, 2024

Mrs. NAPOLITANO (for herself and Mr. LAMALFA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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 “Priority for Water
5 Supply and Conservation Act of 2024”.

1 **SEC. 2. WATER SUPPLY AND WATER CONSERVATION MIS-**
2 **SION.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Army, acting
4 through the Chief of Engineers, shall include water supply
5 and water conservation as a primary mission of the Corps
6 of Engineers in planning, designing, constructing, modi-
7 fying, operating, and maintaining water resources develop-
8 ment projects.

9 (b) LIMITATION.—Nothing in this section affects—

10 (1) existing Corps of Engineers' authorities, in-
11 cluding its authorities with respect to navigation,
12 flood control, and environmental protection and res-
13 toration;

14 (2) pending Corps of Engineers permit applica-
15 tions or pending lawsuits involving permits or water
16 resources projects;

17 (3) the application of public interest review pro-
18 cedures for Corps of Engineers permits; or

19 (4) any authority of a State to manage, use, or
20 allocate the water resources of that State.

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