

# Union Calendar No. 655

114<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 1219

[Report No. 114–834]

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 3, 2015

Mr. COLE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

NOVEMBER 29, 2016

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on March 3, 2015]

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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 “Arbuckle Project Mainte-*  
5 *nance Complex and District Office Conveyance Act of*  
6 *2016”.*

7 **SEC. 2. CONVEYANCE OF MAINTENANCE COMPLEX AND DIS-**  
8 **TRICT OFFICE OF THE ARBUCKLE PROJECT,**  
9 **OKLAHOMA.**

10 *(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Interior shall,*  
11 *as soon as practicable, convey to the Arbuckle Master Con-*  
12 *servancy District, located in Murray County, Oklahoma, all*  
13 *right, title, and interest of the United States in and to the*  
14 *Maintenance Complex and District Office, Arbuckle Project,*  
15 *Oklahoma, consistent with the terms and conditions set*  
16 *forth in the Agreement between the United States and the*  
17 *Arbuckle Master Conservancy District.*

18 *(b) DEFINITIONS.—*

19 *(1) AGREEMENT.—The term “Agreement” means*  
20 *the Agreement between the United States and the Ar-*  
21 *buckle Master Conservancy District for Transferring*  
22 *Title to the Federally Owned Maintenance Complex*  
23 *and District Office to the Arbuckle Master Conser-*  
24 *vancy District (Agreement No. 14AG640141).*

1           (2) *DISTRICT OFFICE.*—*The term “District Of-*  
2           *fice” means the headquarters building located at 2440*  
3           *East Main, Davis, Oklahoma, and the approximately*  
4           *0.83 acres described in the Agreement.*

5           (3) *MAINTENANCE COMPLEX.*—*The term “Main-*  
6           *tenance Complex” means the caretakers residence,*  
7           *shop buildings, and any appurtenances located on the*  
8           *lands described in the Agreement, to include approxi-*  
9           *mately 2.00 acres, more or less.*

10          (c) *LIABILITY.*—*Effective upon the date of conveyance*  
11          *of the Maintenance Complex and District Office under this*  
12          *section, the United States shall not be held liable by any*  
13          *court for damages of any kind arising out of any act, omis-*  
14          *sion, or occurrence relating to the Maintenance Complex*  
15          *and District Office, except for damages caused by acts of*  
16          *negligence committed by the United States or by its employ-*  
17          *ees or agents prior to the date of conveyance. Nothing in*  
18          *this section increases the liability of the United States be-*  
19          *yond that provided in chapter 171 of title 28, United States*  
20          *Code (popularly known as the “Federal Tort Claims Act”)*  
21          *on the date of the enactment of this Act.*

22          (d) *BENEFITS.*—*After conveyance of the Maintenance*  
23          *Complex and District Office to the Arbuckle Master Conser-*  
24          *vancy District—*

1           (1) *the Maintenance Complex and District Office*  
2           *shall not be considered to be a part of a Federal rec-*  
3           *lamation project; and*

4           (2) *such water district shall not be eligible to re-*  
5           *ceive any benefits with respect to any facility com-*  
6           *prising that Maintenance Complex and District Of-*  
7           *fice, except benefits that would be available to a simi-*  
8           *larly situated person with respect to such a facility*  
9           *that is not part of a Federal reclamation project.*

10          (e) *COMMUNICATION.—If the Secretary of the Interior*  
11          *has not completed the conveyance required under subsection*  
12          *(a) within 12 months after the date of enactment of this*  
13          *Act, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a letter with*  
14          *sufficient detail that explains the reasons the conveyance*  
15          *has not been completed and stating the date by which the*  
16          *conveyance will be completed.*

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