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Amendments to H.R. 1145—National Water Research and Development Initiative Act

H.R. 1145, the National Water Research and Development Initiative Act (sponsored by *Rep. Gordon, D-TN*), is scheduled to be considered on the House floor on Thursday, April 23, 2009, subject to a structured rule ([H.Res.352](#)), making in order the following 12 amendments. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill, except earmark and “pay-go” violations. The rule allows one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

AMENDMENTS MADE IN ORDER UNDER THE RULE

1. ***Gordon (D-TN)***. Expands the scope of the underlying bill by authorizing appropriations of \$2 million for FY13 and FY14. CBO estimated less than \$500,000 a year would be required to staff a new water research and development coordination office within OSTP under H.R. 1145. In addition, the manager’s amendment expands the requirements to review of measures related to abating water quality impairment, to require the committee to work with institutions of higher education, require cooperation with commercial end users, require relevant information be posted on a public website, and require research into watershed hydrology. Additional requirements to the plan include recognizing the need to determine if additional water research facilities need to exist. It also requires the Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy to write to Congress and evaluate the budget as it relates to water research and expresses sense of Congress that the interagency committee should collaborate with public institutions of higher education. Finally, the amendment expands the scope of H.R. 1145 by requiring the EPA to establish a pilot program exploring the use of energy audits of water-related infrastructure.

2. ***Kosmas (D-FL)/Driehaus (D-OH)***. Adds an additional requirement to the National Water Research and Assessment Plan to evaluate the impact of natural disasters on water resources.

3. ***Hastings (R-WA)***. Directs the National Water Research and Assessment Plan to assess potential water storage and supply projects.

4. **Cardoza (D-CA).** Directs the Secretary of the Interior to enter into an arrangement with the National Academy of Sciences to evaluate the impact of snow pack on water supply, particularly in the Sierra Nevadas, including the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.
5. **Brown-Waite (R-FL).** Adds an additional requirement to the National Water Research and Assessment Plan to evaluate water-intensive sectors of the economy and industrial needs for water.
6. **Arcuri (D-NY).** Adds an additional requirement to the National Water Research and Assessment Plan to evaluate competing water supply uses and how they interact with each other.
7. **Kirk (R-IL)/Quigley (D-IL).** Adds an additional requirement to the National Water Research and Assessment Plan to evaluate long term ice cover and water level outlooks for major bodies of water in the U.S., including the Great Lakes, and evaluate the impact of those projections on infrastructure.
8. **Teague (D-NM).** Amends the National Water Research and Assessment Plan requirement to analyze the amount of energy needed to provide reliable water supplies to include the production of alternative and renewable resources.
9. **Roskam (R-IL).** Requires the GAO to conduct an audit to ensure none of the programs are duplicative before implementation of the bill.
10. **Blumenauer (D-OR).** In consultation with the interagency committee created in H.R. 1145, the amendment directs the Assistant Administrator for Research and Development of the E.P.A. to develop and fund projects to demonstrate, evaluate, and test the techniques and technologies to reuse and recycle stormwater and wastewater in urban areas.
11. **Shadegg (R-AZ).** Requires the interagency committee created in H.R. 1145 to identify and advise against duplicative water research programs by more than one agency or program. Additionally, the amendment requires the President to ensure federal agencies do not request appropriations for duplicative water research related activities that are conducted by local, state, or tribal governments.
12. **Moore (D-WI).** Amends the functions of the interagency committee to include an assessment of how federal water research programs will contribute to the development of the next generation of scientists and engineers at institutions of higher education.