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H. R. 5243

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 18, 2023

Mr. SANTOS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Appropriations, Energy and Commerce, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Less Talk More Action
5 Water Modernization Act of 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. RESCISSION AND REDIRECTION OF CERTAIN**
2 **AMOUNTS TO WATER-RELATED PROJECTS.**

3 (a) RESCISSION OF UNEXPENDED IRS FUNDS.—The
4 unexpended balance of amounts appropriated or otherwise
5 made available for activities of the Internal Revenue Serv-
6 ice by section 10301 of Public Law 117–169 on the date
7 of the enactment of this Act are hereby permanently re-
8 scinded.

9 (b) RESCISSION OF UNEXPENDED COVID-19
10 FUNDS.—The unexpended balance of amounts appro-
11 priated or otherwise made available for COVID–19 relief
12 by each of Public Laws 116–123, 116–127, 116–136,
13 116–139, 117–2, and divisions M and N of Public Law
14 116–260 on the date of the enactment of this Act are
15 hereby permanently rescinded.

16 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be
18 appropriated, for each of fiscal years 2024 through
19 2026, provided that such funds are fully obligated
20 by December 13, 2023—

21 (A) to the Administrator of the Environ-
22 mental Protection Agency—

23 (i) for the Clean Water State Revolv-
24 ing Funds under title VI of the Federal
25 Water Pollution Control Act,
26 \$1,103,000,000; and

1 (ii) for the Drinking Water State Re-
2 volving Funds under section 1452 of the
3 Safe Drinking Water Act, \$665,400,000;
4 and

5 (B) for projects pertaining to water infra-
6 structure, water conveyance and storage, safety,
7 hydropower generation, water treatment and
8 water contamination remediation, moderniza-
9 tion projects, and dam development—

10 (i) under the direction of the Sec-
11 retary of the Army and the supervision of
12 the Chief of Engineers for authorized civil
13 functions of the Department of the Army,
14 \$1,900,000,000; and

15 (ii) to the Department of the Interior
16 for the Bureau of Reclamation,
17 \$1,163,400,000,

18 provided that at least \$200,000,000 of such
19 amounts shall be allocated to the Northeast re-
20 gion of the United States, including Long Is-
21 land and New York City, for water-related
22 projects.

23 (2) CHINESE DEBT OBLIGATIONS.—In the event
24 that the amounts rescinded under subsections (a)
25 and (b) are not equal to or greater than the

1 amounts authorized under paragraph (1), amounts
2 necessary to equal amounts authorized under such
3 paragraph shall be authorized to be paid before
4 amounts necessary for payments with respect to
5 Federal Government notes, bonds, and other securi-
6 ties held by the People's Republic of China or the
7 Chinese Communist Party.

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