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**H.R.3267**

Sponsor: Rep Hunter, Duncan(introduced 2/25/1998)

Related Bills: [H.RES.500](#)

Latest Major Action: 11/12/1998 Became Public Law No: 105-372.

Title: An Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation, to complete a feasibility study relating to the Salton Sea, and for other purposes.

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**TITLE(S):** (*italics indicate a title for a portion of a bill*)

- **SHORT TITLE(S) AS INTRODUCED:**  
Sonny Bono Memorial Salton Sea Reclamation Act
  - **SHORT TITLE(S) AS PASSED HOUSE:**  
Sonny Bono Memorial Salton Sea Reclamation Act
  - **SHORT TITLE(S) AS PASSED SENATE:**  
Salton Sea Reclamation Act of 1998
  - **SHORT TITLE(S) AS ENACTED:**  
Salton Sea Reclamation Act of 1998
  - **OFFICIAL TITLE AS INTRODUCED:**  
To direct the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation, to conduct a feasibility study and construct a project to reclaim the Salton Sea.
  - **OFFICIAL TITLE AS AMENDED BY SENATE:**  
An Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation, to complete a feasibility study relating to the Salton Sea, and for other purposes.
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**STATUS:** (*color indicates Senate actions*) ([Floor Actions/Congressional Record Page References](#))See also: [Related House Committee Documents](#)**2/25/1998:**

Referred to the House Committee on Resources.

**3/2/1998:**

Referred to the Subcommittee on Water and Power.

**3/12/1998:**

Subcommittee Hearings Held.

**3/26/1998:**

Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.

**3/26/1998:**

Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Voice Vote.

**3/2/1998:**

Executive Comment Requested from Bur Reclamation.

**5/20/1998:**

Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.

**5/20/1998:**

Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.

**7/14/1998 5:20pm:**

Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Resources. H. Rept. [105-621](#), Part I.

**7/14/1998:**

Referred sequentially to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure for a period ending not later than July 14, 1998 for consideration of such provisions of the bill and amendment as fall within the jurisdiction of that committee pursuant to clause 1(q), rule X.

**7/14/1998 5:24pm:**

Committee on Transportation discharged.

**7/14/1998 5:25pm:**

Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 348.

**7/14/1998 7:14pm:**

Rules Committee Resolution [H. Res. 500](#) Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of [H.R. 3267](#) with 1 hour of general debate. Previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervening motions except motion to recommit with or without instructions. In lieu of the amendment recommended by the Committee on Resources now printed in the bill, the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution shall be considered as adopted. Measure will be considered read. A specified amendment is in order.

**7/15/1998 5:30pm:**

Rule [H. Res. 500](#) passed House.

**7/15/1998 5:31pm:**

Considered under the provisions of rule [H. Res. 500](#).

**7/15/1998 5:32pm:**

[H.AMDT.718](#) Amendment (A001) in the nature of a substitute offered by the Committee on Rules.

An amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order as self-enacting pursuant to the provisions of [H. Res. 500](#). The amendment inserts a complete new text.

**7/15/1998 5:32pm:**

[H.AMDT.718](#) On agreeing to the Rules amendment (A001) Agreed to without objection.

**7/15/1998 6:17pm:**

[H.AMDT.719](#) Amendment (A002) in the nature of a substitute offered by Mr. Miller (CA).

Amendment in the nature of a substitute sought to require the Secretary of the Interior to undertake a study of the feasibility of various alternatives for restoring the Salton Sea, California.

**7/15/1998 6:31pm:**

[H.AMDT.720](#) Amendment (A003) offered by Mr. Boehlert.

Amendment clarifies that funding under the bill will not be derived from the land and water conservation fund.

**7/15/1998 6:41pm:**

[H.AMDT.720](#) On agreeing to the Boehlert amendment (A003) Agreed to without objection.

**7/15/1998 7:25pm:**

[H.AMDT.719](#) On agreeing to the Miller (CA) amendment (A002) Failed by the Yeas and Nays: 202 - 218 ([Roll No. 281](#)).

**7/15/1998 7:25pm:**

The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule.

**7/15/1998 7:42pm:**

On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 221 - 200 ([Roll No. 282](#)).

**7/15/1998 7:42pm:**

Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

**7/17/1998:**

Received in the Senate, read twice.

**10/13/1998:**

Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent.

**10/13/1998:**

Amendment SP 3821 proposed by Senator Gorton for Senator Kyl.

**10/13/1998:**

[S.AMDT.3821](#) Proposed by Senator Gorton for Senator Kyl.

In the nature of a substitute.

**10/13/1998:**

Amendment SP 3821 agreed to in Senate by Unanimous Consent.

**10/13/1998:**

[S.AMDT.3821](#) Amendment SP 3821 agreed to in Senate by Unanimous Consent.

**10/13/1998:**

Passed Senate with an amendment and an amendment to the Title by Unanimous Consent.

**10/13/1998:**

Message on Senate action sent to the House.

**10/21/1998 5:50pm:**

Mr. Solomon asked unanimous consent that the House agree to the Senate amendments.

**10/21/1998 5:50pm:**

On motion that the House agree to the Senate amendments Agreed to without objection.

**10/21/1998 5:50pm:**

Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

**10/21/1998:**

Cleared for White House.

**11/2/1998:**

Presented to President.

**11/12/1998:**

Signed by President.

**11/12/1998:**

Became Public Law No: 105-372.

#### COMMITTEE(S):

Committee/Subcommittee:	Activity:
<a href="#">House Resources</a>	Referral, Reporting
<a href="#">Subcommittee on Water and Power</a>	Referral, Reporting
<a href="#">House Transportation and Infrastructure</a>	Referral, Discharged

#### RELATED BILL DETAILS: (additional related bills may be indentified in Status)

Bill:	Relationship:
<a href="#">H.RES.500</a>	Rule related to H.R.3267 in House

#### AMENDMENT(S):

1. [H.AMDT.718](#) to [H.R.3267](#) An amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order as self-enacting pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 500. The amendment inserts a complete new text.

**Sponsor:** House Rules- **Latest Major Action:** 7/15/1998 House amendment agreed to

**Committees:** House Rules

2. [H.AMDT.719](#) to [H.R.3267](#) Amendment in the nature of a substitute sought to require the Secretary of the Interior to undertake a study of the feasibility of various alternatives for restoring the Salton Sea,

California.

**Sponsor:** Rep Miller, George- **Latest Major Action:** 7/15/1998 House amendment not agreed to

3. [H.AMDT.720](#) to [H.R.3267](#) Amendment clarifies that funding under the bill will not be derived from the land and water conservation fund.

**Sponsor:** Rep Boehlert, Sherwood L.- **Latest Major Action:** 7/15/1998 House amendment agreed to

4. [S.AMDT.3809](#) to [H.R.3267](#) Purpose will be available when the amendment is proposed for consideration. See Congressional Record for text.

**Sponsor:** Sen Kyl, Jon- **Latest Major Action:** 10/9/1998 Senate amendment submitted

5. [S.AMDT.3821](#) to [H.R.3267](#) In the nature of a substitute.

**Sponsor:** Sen Kyl, Jon- **Latest Major Action:** 10/13/1998 Senate amendment agreed to

**COSPONSORS(36), ALPHABETICAL** [followed by Cosponsors withdrawn]: (Sort: [by date](#))

Rep Bilbray, Brian P. - 3/11/1998	Rep Boehner, John A. - 6/17/1998
Rep Bono, Mary - 6/5/1998	Rep Brown, George E., Jr. - 2/25/1998
Rep Burton, Dan - 6/17/1998	Rep Buyer, Stephen E. - 6/25/1998
Rep Calvert, Ken - 2/25/1998	Rep Cunningham, Randy (Duke) - 3/11/1998
Rep Dreier, David - 3/11/1998	Rep Ehrlich, Robert L., Jr. - 6/17/1998
Rep English, Phil - 3/26/1998	Rep Ewing, Thomas W. - 3/26/1998
Rep Faleomavaega, Eni F. H. - 3/26/1998	Rep Frank, Barney - 3/11/1998
Rep Gingrich, Newt - 3/11/1998	Rep Jenkins, William L. - 3/26/1998
Rep King, Peter T. - 3/26/1998	Rep Klug, Scott L. - 6/25/1998
Rep Lewis, Jerry - 2/25/1998	Rep Martinez, Matthew G. - 6/9/1998
Rep McHugh, John M. - 6/25/1998	Rep McKeon, Howard P. (Buck) - 3/11/1998
Rep Nethercutt, George R., Jr. - 3/11/1998	Rep Ney, Robert W. - 4/1/1998
Rep Packard, Ron - 3/11/1998	Rep Pombo, Richard W. - 6/17/1998
Rep Pryce, Deborah - 6/17/1998	Rep Quinn, Jack - 6/25/1998
Rep Radanovich, George P. - 6/25/1998	Rep Riggs, Frank - 3/11/1998
Rep Saxton, Jim - 6/25/1998	Rep Spence, Floyd - 6/25/1998
Rep Tauscher, Ellen O. - 3/11/1998	Rep Tauzin, W. J. (Billy) - 6/17/1998
Rep Watts, J. C., Jr. - 6/25/1998	Rep Wolf, Frank R. - 3/26/1998

**SUMMARY AS OF:**

10/13/1998--Passed Senate, amended. (There are 2 [other summaries](#))

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Alamo River and New River

Salton Sea Reclamation Act of 1998 - **Title I: Salton Sea Feasibility Study** - Directs the Secretary of

the Interior, by January 1, 2000, to complete all feasibility studies and cost analyses with respect to a feasibility study for the reclamation of the Salton Sea, located in Imperial and Riverside Counties, California, which shall include options for achieving salinity reduction and stabilization, stabilizing surface elevation, restoring fish and wildlife resources, and enhancing recreational use and economic development. Requires a report to specified congressional committees containing proposed options and recommendations. Directs the Secretary to carry out the study under a memorandum of understanding entered into by the Secretary, the Salton Sea Authority, and the Governor of California. Prohibits the inclusion of any option that relies on the importation of any new or additional water from the Colorado River. Preserves all current rights and obligations concerning Colorado River water use.

Directs the Secretary to conduct, concurrently with the feasibility study, studies of hydrology, wildlife pathology, and toxicology relating to wildlife resources of the Salton Sea by Federal and non-Federal sources. Directs the Secretary to establish the Salton Sea Research Management Committee to select and manage such studies. Authorizes appropriations.

Renames the Salton Sea National Wildlife Refuge as the Sonny Bono Salton Sea National Wildlife Refuge.

**Title II: Emergency Action to Improve Water Quality in the Alamo River and New River -**

Authorizes and directs the Secretary to promptly conduct research and construct river reclamation and wetlands projects to improve water quality in the Alamo and New Rivers in Imperial County, California, by treating water in those rivers and irrigation drainage water that flows into those rivers. Directs the Secretary to establish a long-term monitoring program to maximize the effectiveness of any wetlands developed under this Act. Authorizes appropriations.