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H. R. 131

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural
Resources

AN ACT

To make certain modifications to the repayment for the
Arkansas Valley Conduit in the State of Colorado.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Finish the Arkansas
3 Valley Conduit Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. ARKANSAS VALLEY CONDUIT, COLORADO.**

5 Public Law 87–590 (76 Stat. 389; 123 Stat. 1320)
6 is amended—

7 (1) in the first section—

8 (A) in subsection (c), in the second sen-
9 tence, by striking “or in the case of the Arkan-
10 sas Valley Conduit, payment in an amount
11 equal to 35 percent of the cost of the conduit
12 that is comprised of revenue generated by pay-
13 ments pursuant to a repayment contract and
14 revenue that may be derived from contracts for
15 the use of Fryingpan-Arkansas project excess
16 capacity or exchange contracts using
17 Fryingpan-Arkansas project facilities,”; and

18 (B) by adding at the end the following:

19 “(d) ARKANSAS VALLEY CONDUIT.—

20 “(1) REPAYMENT CONTRACT.—To provide do-
21 mestic water supplies to communities and house-
22 holds that do not have reliable access to domestic
23 water supplies, the contract for the Arkansas Valley
24 Conduit shall provide for payment in an amount
25 equal to 35 percent of the cost of the conduit, not-
26 withstanding the reclamation laws or any other pro-

1 vision of this Act. The contract payments shall con-
2 sist of—

3 “(A) funding provided during construction
4 from any entity other than the Secretary; and

5 “(B) based on a demonstration of financial
6 hardship, as determined by the Secretary, re-
7 payment of the balance not covered under sub-
8 paragraph (A) for a period of not more than 75
9 years with simple interest at a rate that is
10 equal to 50 percent of the interest rate deter-
11 mined by the Secretary of the Treasury under
12 section 2(c), including revenue derived from
13 contracts for the use of excess capacity or ex-
14 change contracts using Fryingpan-Arkansas
15 project facilities.

16 “(2) OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE.—The
17 contract for the Arkansas Valley Conduit shall pro-
18 vide for the assumption by the contracting parties of
19 the care, operation, maintenance, and replacement of
20 the conduit.”; and

