

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT  
FOR H.R. 3080  
OFFERED BY MR. GARDNER OF COLORADO**

At the end of title I, add the following:

1 **SEC. \_\_\_\_ . OFFICE OF WATER STORAGE.**

2 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in the  
3 Corps of Engineers an Office of Water Storage (in this  
4 section referred to as the “Office”).

5 (b) ADMINISTRATOR.—The Secretary, acting through  
6 the Chief of Engineers, shall appoint an Administrator of  
7 the Office, who shall be the head of the Office.

8 (c) PURPOSE.—The Office shall—

9 (1) serve as an initial point of contact for any  
10 person carrying out a project to construct a water  
11 storage facility that requires the acquisition of a  
12 Federal permit or the satisfaction of other Federal  
13 requirements;

14 (2) act as a liaison between such persons and  
15 appropriate Federal departments and agencies, in-  
16 cluding the Environmental Protection Agency and  
17 the Department of the Interior, with respect to such  
18 projects to facilitate the acquisition of necessary per-  
19 mits and the satisfaction of all other requirements;

1           (3) ensure that, with respect to such projects,  
2           necessary Federal permits are acquired and all other  
3           Federal requirements are satisfied before construc-  
4           tion begins; and

5           (4) coordinate with appropriate Federal depart-  
6           ments and agencies to streamline the Federal ap-  
7           proval process with respect to such projects, includ-  
8           ing by limiting the duration of such process to not  
9           more than 365 days in each case in which each Gov-  
10          ernor of a State associated with the project has pro-  
11          vided notice to the Office of that Governor's ap-  
12          proval of the project.

13          (d) **TIMING REQUIREMENT.**—Notwithstanding any  
14          other provision of law, with respect to a project to con-  
15          struct a water storage facility, any Federal permit or other  
16          Federal requirement necessary to be acquired or satisfied  
17          for purposes of such project shall be deemed to be ac-  
18          quired or satisfied if—

19                 (1) each Governor of a State associated with  
20                 the project has provided notice to the Office of that  
21                 Governor's approval of the project; and

22                 (2) a determination with respect to approval of  
23                 the permit or satisfaction of the requirement was  
24                 not made during the 365-day period beginning on  
25                 the date on which an application for the permit or

1 an inquiry regarding the satisfaction of the require-  
2 ment was submitted to the relevant Federal depart-  
3 ment or agency.

4 (e) NOTICE OF PERMIT APPLICATIONS.—The Admin-  
5 istrator of the Environmental Protection Agency and the  
6 Secretary of the Interior shall each provide notice to the  
7 Administrator of the Office upon the receipt of an applica-  
8 tion for a permit relating to a water storage facility.

9 (f) WATER STORAGE FACILITY DEFINED.—In this  
10 section, the term “water storage facility” means any facil-  
11 ity constructed by a person that is equipped to store at  
12 least 5,000 acre-feet of water for later use for any pur-  
13 pose, including dams, tanks, covered and uncovered res-  
14 ervoirs, water towers, and artificial water bodies.

