

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 3898, AS REPORTED  
OFFERED BY MR. BIGGS OF ARIZONA**

Add at the end the following:

**1 SEC. \_\_\_\_.** **IDENTIFICATION AND PERMITTING FOR WATER**  
**2 RECHARGE ON CERTAIN FEDERAL LANDS.**

**3** (a) REVIEW AND IDENTIFICATION.—Not later than  
**4** 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
**5** retary of the Army, acting through the Chief of Engineers,  
**6** shall review lands under the jurisdiction of the Secretary  
**7** to identify parcels of such lands that are hydrologically  
**8** and geologically well-suited for water recharge efforts, in-  
**9** cluding aquifer recharge, surface water infiltration, or  
**10** managed aquifer recharge projects, taking into consider-  
**11** ation factors such as soil permeability, proximity to water  
**12** sources, and minimal environmental impact.

**13** (b) STREAMLINED PERMITTING PROCESS.—The Sec-  
**14** retary, in consultation with the Administrator of the Envi-  
**15** ronmental Protection Agency and each relevant State  
**16** water resource agency, shall—

**17** (1) establish clear and simple permitting proc-  
**18** esses for water recharge projects on parcels of land  
**19** identified by the Secretary under subsection (a), in-

1 including a process to facilitate (to the extent prac-  
2 ticable)—

3 (A) the actions of the Secretary under sec-  
4 tion 17 applicable to such projects; and

5 (B) the expedited issuance of a permit  
6 under section 404 of the Federal Water Pollu-  
7 tion Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1344), as amended  
8 by this Act, relating to such projects; and

9 (2) ensure, to the extent practicable, that each  
10 process established under paragraph (1) minimizes  
11 regulatory burdens, provides for categorical exclu-  
12 sions or streamlined environmental assessments, and  
13 promotes collaboration with State and local entities  
14 to expand water recharge efforts.

15 (c) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 18  
16 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
17 retary shall submit to Congress a report detailing the par-  
18 cels identified under subsection (a) and each permitting  
19 process established under subsection (b).

