

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 9022, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. BIGGS OF ARIZONA

At the appropriate place in the bill, insert the following:

1 SEC. _____. It is the sense of Congress that federally
2 funded water and energy infrastructure decisions should
3 not rely on speculative or non-predictive climate scenario
4 outputs as determinative inputs for planning, investment,
5 or eligibility determinations. Congress recognizes that cer-
6 tain climate scenario frameworks developed for explor-
7 atory analysis, including those associated with the Inter-
8 governmental Panel on Climate Change, are not designed
9 as predictive forecasts, and that their use in policy and
10 funding decisions should be appropriately bounded and
11 transparent. Congress further recognizes that reliance on
12 high-end or low-probability scenarios as central planning
13 assumptions may distort cost estimates, resource alloca-
14 tion, and infrastructure prioritization. Congress urges
15 Federal agencies, in administering grants, contracts, and
16 other assistance under this Act within the Department of
17 Energy and the Bureau of Reclamation, to ensure that
18 modeling assumptions are transparent, appropriately con-

- 1 strained by uncertainty, and relevant to project-level deci-
- 2 sion-making.

