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At the end of title I, add the following:

SEC. ____ . DISPOSITION OF PROJECTS.

(a) In general.—In carrying out a disposition study for a project of the Corps of Engineers, including a disposition study under section 216 of the Flood Control Act of 1970 (33 U.S.C. 549a) or an assessment under section 6002 of the Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014 (Public Law 113–121; 128 Stat. 1349), the Secretary shall consider modifications that would improve the overall quality of the environment in the public interest, including removal of the project, or separable element of a project.

(b) Disposition study transparency.—The Secretary shall perform disposition studies in a transparent manner, including—

(1) opportunities for public input; and

(2) the publishing of final disposition studies.

(c) Removal of infrastructure.—For disposition studies in which the Secretary determines that a Federal interest no longer exists and makes a recommendation of
removal of the project or separable element of a project,
the Secretary is authorized to pursue removal of the
project or separable element of the project using—

(1) existing authorities as considered appro-
priate by the Secretary; or

(2) partnerships with other Federal agencies
and non-Federal entities with appropriate capabili-
ties to undertake infrastructure removal.

(d) IMPLEMENTATION.—The following requirements
shall apply to a removal carried out by the Secretary under
subsection (c):

(1) Removal of a project or separable element
of a structure as recommended in a disposition study
shall be implemented under existing authorities and
shall not be subject to a new start determination.

(2) Prior to implementing a recommendation
from a completed disposition study, the Secretary
shall notify the Committee on Environment and
Public Works of the Senate and the Committee on
Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of
Representatives of the decision to implement such a
recommendation.

(3) After the expiration of the 180-day period
beginning on the date of submission of the notifica-
tion, the Secretary is authorized to carry out the
recommendation, unless Congress passes a joint resolution disapproving the final deauthorization report prior to the end of the period.