AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
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At the end of title I, add the following:

SEC. 1. KENNEWICK MAN.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) CLAIMANT TRIBES.—The term “claimant tribes” means the Indian tribes and band referred to in the letter from Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt to Secretary of the Army Louis Caldera, relating to the human remains and dated September 21, 2000.

(2) DEPARTMENT.—The term “Department” means the Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation.

(3) HUMAN REMAINS.—The term “human remains” means the human remains that—

(A) are known as Kennewick Man or the Ancient One, which includes the projectile point lodged in the right ilium bone, as well as any residue from previous sampling and studies; and
(B) are part of archaeological collection number 45BN495.

(b) Transfer.—Notwithstanding any other provision of Federal law, including the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (25 U.S.C. 3001 et seq.), or law of the State of Washington, not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary, acting through the Chief of Engineers, shall transfer the human remains to the Department, on the condition that the Department, acting through the State Historic Preservation Officer, disposes of the remains and repatriates the remains to claimant tribes.

(e) Cost.—The Corps of Engineers shall be responsible for any costs associated with the transfer.

(d) Limitations.—

(1) In general.—The transfer shall be limited solely to the human remains portion of the archaeological collection.

(2) Secretary.—The Secretary shall have no further responsibility for the human remains transferred pursuant to subsection (b) after the date of the transfer.