

**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) DESIGNATION.—The Secretary, acting through
3 the Chief of Engineers, shall designate a team to serve
4 as the Office of Water Storage (in this section referred
5 to as the “Office”) which shall serve as the principal point
6 of contact for any person carrying out a project to con-
7 struct a water storage facility that requires the acquisition
8 of a Federal permit or the satisfaction of other Federal
9 requirements.

10 (b) ADMINISTRATOR.—The Secretary, acting through
11 the Chief of Engineers, shall designate an individual to
12 serve as the head of the Office.

13 (c) PURPOSE.—The Office shall—

14 (1) serve as an initial point of contact for any
15 person carrying out a project to construct a water
16 storage facility that requires the acquisition of a
17 Federal permit or the satisfaction of other Federal
18 requirements;

1 (2) act as a liaison between such persons and
2 appropriate Federal departments and agencies, in-
3 cluding the Environmental Protection Agency and
4 the Department of the Interior, with respect to such
5 projects to facilitate the acquisition of necessary per-
6 mits and the satisfaction of all other requirements;

7 (3) ensure that, with respect to such projects,
8 necessary Federal permits are acquired and all other
9 Federal requirements are satisfied before construc-
10 tion begins; and

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

19 (d) **TIMING REQUIREMENT.**—Notwithstanding any
20 other provision of law, with respect to a project to con-
21 struct a water storage facility, any Federal permit or other
22 Federal requirement necessary to be acquired or satisfied
23 for purposes of such project shall be deemed to be ac-
24 quired or satisfied if—

1 (1) each Governor of a State associated with
2 the project has provided notice to the Office of that
3 Governor’s approval of the project; and

4 (2) a determination with respect to approval of
5 the permit or satisfaction of the requirement was
6 not made during the 365-day period beginning on
7 the date on which an application for the permit or
8 an inquiry regarding the satisfaction of the require-
9 ment was submitted to the relevant Federal depart-
10 ment or agency.

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

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

