

115TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 4689

To authorize early repayment of obligations to the Bureau of Reclamation within the Northport Irrigation District in the State of Nebraska.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 19, 2017

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. EARLY REPAYMENT OF CONSTRUCTION COSTS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding section 213 of  
5 the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982 (43 U.S.C. 390mm),  
6 any landowner within the Northport Irrigation District in  
7 the State of Nebraska (referred to in this section as the  
8 “District”) may repay, at any time, the construction costs  
9 of project facilities allocated to the landowner’s land with-  
10 in the District.

1 (b) APPLICABILITY OF FULL-COST PRICING LIMITA-  
2 TIONS.—On discharge, in full, of the obligation for repay-  
3 ment of all construction costs described in subsection (a)  
4 that are allocated to all land the landowner owns in the  
5 District in question, the parcels of land shall not be sub-  
6 ject to the ownership and full-cost pricing limitations  
7 under Federal reclamation law (the Act of June 17, 1902,  
8 32 Stat. 388, chapter 1093), and Acts supplemental to  
9 and amendatory of that Act (43 U.S.C. 371 et seq.), in-  
10 cluding the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982 (13 U.S.C.  
11 390aa et seq.).

12 (c) CERTIFICATION.—On request of a landowner that  
13 has repaid, in full, the construction costs described in sub-  
14 section (a), the Secretary of the Interior shall provide to  
15 the landowner a certificate described in section 213(b)(1)  
16 of the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982 (43 U.S.C.  
17 390mm(b)(1)).

18 (d) EFFECT.—Nothing in this section—

19 (1) modifies any contractual rights under, or  
20 amends or reopens, the reclamation contract between  
21 the District and the United States; or

22 (2) modifies any rights, obligations, or relation-  
23 ships between the District and landowners in the  
24 District under Nebraska State law.

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