

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To ensure the proper implementation of the rural
Western water program.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—114th Cong., 2d Sess.

S. 2848

To provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and
ordered to be printed

Ordered to lie on the table and to be printed

AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. HELLER (for
himself and Mr. HEINRICH)

Viz:

1 At the appropriate place, insert the following:

2 **SEC. _____. RURAL WESTERN WATER.**

3 Section 595 of the Water Resources Development Act
4 of 1999 (Public Law 106–53; 113 Stat. 383; 128 Stat.
5 1316) is amended—

6 (1) by redesignating subsection (h) as sub-
7 section (i);

8 (2) by inserting after subsection (g) the fol-
9 lowing:

10 “(h) ELIGIBILITY.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Assistance under this sec-
2 tion shall be made available to all eligible States and
3 locales described in subsection (b) consistent with
4 program priorities determined by the Secretary in
5 accordance with criteria developed by the Secretary
6 to establish the program priorities, with priority
7 given to projects in any applicable State that—

8 “(A) execute new or amended project co-
9 operation agreements; and

10 “(B) commence promptly after the date of
11 enactment of the Water Resources Development
12 Act of 2016.

13 “(2) RURAL PROJECTS.—The Secretary shall
14 consider a rural project authorized under this sec-
15 tion and environmental infrastructure projects au-
16 thorized under section 219 of the Water Resources
17 Development Act of 1992 (Public Law 102–580;
18 106 Stat. 4835) for new starts on the same basis as
19 any other program funded from the construction ac-
20 count.”; and

21 (3) in subsection (i) (as redesignated by para-
22 graph (1)), by striking “which shall—,” and all that
23 follows through “remain” and inserting “to remain”.