



**H.R. 1337 - To provide for a feasibility study of alternatives to augment the water supplies of the Central Oklahoma Master Conservancy District and cities served by the District**

**FLOOR SITUATION**

H.R. 1337 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Tom Cole (R-OK) on March 6, 2007. The bill was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources and reported out via voice vote.

The bill is expected to be considered on the floor of the House of Representatives on October 22, 2007.

*\*Note – This legislation was brought up under suspension of the rules on July 11, 2007 and was defeated by a vote of 208 – 211. The legislation has not changed. The Republicans on the Committee have reason to believe the legislation was defeated the first time as payback for Republicans defeating H.R. 986 the “Eightmile Wild and Scenic River Act” introduced by Rep Joe Courtney (D-CT) under suspension of the rules on the same day.*

**SUMMARY**

H.R. 1337 allows a feasibility study to be conducted by the Commissioner of the Bureau of Reclamation to study the alternatives to augment the water supplies of the Central Oklahoma Master Conservatory District and cities served by the District.

There is authorized to be appropriated to the Commissioner of the Bureau of Reclamation \$900,000 to conduct the study.

**BACKGROUND**

A previous study, conducted in fiscal year 2003, of the Central Oklahoma Master Conservatory District found that the following steps would be necessary to maintain and increase the water needs by the District:

- the drilling of additional wells;
- the implementation of a seasonal pool plan at Thunderbird Lake;

- the construction of terminal storage to hold wet-weather yield from Thunderbird Lake;
- a reallocation of water storage; and
- the importation of surplus water from sources outside the basin of Thunderbird Lake.

### **COST**

The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) estimates that enacting the legislation would not affect direct spending or revenues had not scored this legislation.

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