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H. R. 8435

To provide for near-term actions to preserve the Colorado River system and to amend the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to expedite measures for drought response.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 20, 2022

Mr. STANTON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Natural Resources

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Colorado River
5 Drought Response Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. NEAR-TERM ACTIONS TO PRESERVE COLORADO**
2 **RIVER SYSTEM.**

3 In addition to the amounts otherwise available and
4 consistent with contractual arrangements and applicable
5 State and Federal law, there is authorized to be appro-
6 priated to the Secretary of the Interior \$500,000,000, for
7 the period of fiscal years 2023 through 2026, to use avail-
8 able legal authorities to reduce the near-term likelihood
9 of Lake Mead and Lake Powell declining to critically low
10 water elevations.

11 **SEC. 3. EXPEDITED MEASURES FOR DROUGHT RESPONSE.**

12 (a) EXPEDITED PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION.—Sec-
13 tion 40905(h) of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs
14 Act (43 U.S.C. 3205(h); 135 Stat. 1124) is amended by
15 striking “Not later than 1 year after the date of enact-
16 ment of this Act” and inserting “Not later than August
17 31, 2022”.

18 (b) ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM.—Section
19 40907(b) of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act
20 (43 U.S.C. 3207(b); 135 Stat. 1125) is amended by strik-
21 ing “Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment
22 of this Act” and inserting “Not later than August 31,
23 2022”.

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