



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
PAY-AS-YOU-GO ESTIMATE**

July 6, 1998

**H.R. 3035  
National Drought Policy Act of 1998**

*As cleared by the Congress on June 24, 1998*

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 3035 could affect receipts and direct spending, but that the net impact in any year would be negligible. H.R. 3035 would establish a commission and authorize it to accept, use, and dispose of gifts or donations of services or property. CBO interprets this authority as enabling the commission to accept and sell gifts or donations of property and spend the proceeds without appropriation. In this case, however, gifts or donations of property would likely take the form of office equipment and supplies that would be used by the commission and then donated or discarded rather than sold. CBO expects that any amounts of cash recorded as governmental receipts and resulting cash outlays would be negligible.

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