



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 511

An act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to terminate certain easements held by the Secretary on land owned by the village of Caseyville, Illinois, and to terminate associated contractual arrangements with the village

*As reported by the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
on December 16, 2009*

H.R. 511 would authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to terminate any easement (and associated agreements) on land owned by Caseyville, Illinois. The legislation would allow the Secretary to determine any appropriate compensation from the village. Based on information provided by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) at the U.S. Department of Agriculture, CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 511 would have no significant effect on direct spending and no effect on discretionary spending or revenues.

Under H.R. 511, the NRCS would be able to terminate a floodplain easement on 44 acres of land owned by Caseyville. In exchange for the termination, Caseyville would pay the NRCS \$60,000, the same amount that the village received in compensation from NRCS for restrictions on the use of the land under the original easement agreement in 1999. That payment would increase federal offsetting receipts (a credit against direct spending), probably in fiscal year 2010. The receipts would be credited to the general fund of the U.S. Treasury.

The legislation contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

On August 14, 2009, CBO provided a cost estimate for H.R. 511 as ordered reported by the House Committee on Agriculture on July 29, 2009. The two pieces of legislation are identical, and the CBO cost estimates are the same.

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