



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE

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**H.R. 511**

**A bill 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 ordered reported by the House Committee on Agriculture on July 29, 2009*

H.R. 511 would authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to terminate any easement (and associated agreements) on land owned by Caseyville, Illinois. The bill would allow the Secretary to determine any appropriate compensation to be received 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.

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.

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 repay the NRCS the \$60,000 that the village received as compensation (for restrictions on use of the land) under the original easement agreement in 1999. That payment would increase 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 CBO staff contact for this estimate is Deborah Reis. The estimate was approved by Theresa Gullo, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.