



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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S. 201

**A bill to clarify the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior
with respect to the C.C. Cragin Dam and Reservoir**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on July 14, 2011*

S. 201 would clarify that the Secretary of the Interior has exclusive jurisdiction to manage the C.C. Cragin Dam and Reservoir, an area including about 512 acres of land within the Coconino and Tonto National Forests in northern Arizona. Based on information from the Bureau of Reclamation and the Forest Service, CBO estimates that enacting the legislation would have no significant impact on the federal budget. Because the legislation would not affect direct spending or revenues, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

The Arizona Water Settlements Act of 2004 transferred administrative authority for the C.C. Cragin Dam, Reservoir, and 10 miles of existing pipeline to the Bureau of Reclamation. The legislation did not explicitly divest the Forest Service from managing the underlying National Forest lands, resulting in uncertainty over which agency has the authority to approve management activities for the Cragin Project. The Cragin project involves operating and maintaining 10 miles of pipeline and constructing 14.5 miles of additional pipeline to deliver water to Northern Gila County. Currently, the project is subject to the approval requirements of both agencies. The legislation would clarify the authority of the Bureau of Reclamation to be the sole manager of the project.

S. 201 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 June 24, 2011, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 489, a bill to clarify the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior with respect to the C.C. Cragin Dam and Reservoir, as ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources, on June 15, 2011. The two pieces of legislation are similar and CBO's cost estimates are the same.

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