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H. R. 8159

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 29, 2024

Mr. NEWHOUSE (for himself, Mr. FULCHER, Mr. ZINKE, Mr. ROSENDALE, and Mr. BENTZ) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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 “Abandoning Incon-

5 sistent and Rash Environmental Solutions Act” or the

6 “ACRES Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON BREACHING OF CERTAIN DAMS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Army may

9 not breach any federally operated dam if the energy re-

1 source intended to replace such dam as a result of such
2 breach would occupy an area of land that is larger in acre-
3 age than the area occupied by such dam by at least 5 per-
4 cent.

5 (b) **STUDY REQUIRED.**—If the Secretary considers
6 breaching a federally operated dam, the Secretary, in co-
7 ordination with the Secretary of the Interior, shall conduct
8 a study analyzing the number of acres of land such dam
9 occupies.

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