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H. R. 8157

To prohibit the Secretary of the Army from carrying out certain spillage operations on the Lower Snake River dams, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 29, 2024

Mr. NEWHOUSE (for himself, Mrs. RODGERS of Washington, Mr. FULCHER, 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. PROHIBITION ON SPILLAGE OPERATIONS ON**
4 **LOWER SNAKE RIVER DAMS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may not carry out
6 any spillage operations on any of the Lower Snake River
7 dams unless such operations are approved by the Sec-
8 retary and the Administrator of the Bonneville Power Ad-
9 ministration.

1 (b) CONSIDERATIONS.—In determining whether to
2 approve spillage operations under subsection (a), the Sec-
3 retary and the Administrator shall consider all Columbia
4 River System operations.

5 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

6 (1) LOWER SNAKE RIVER DAMS.—The term
7 “Lower Snake River dams” means the following
8 dams in the State of Washington, authorized by sec-
9 tion 2 of the Act of March 2, 1945 (chapter 19, 59
10 Stat. 21):

11 (A) Ice Harbor Dam.

12 (B) Lower Monumental Dam.

13 (C) Little Goose Dam.

14 (D) Lower Granite Dam.

15 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
16 the Secretary of the Army, acting through the Chief
17 of Engineers.

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