

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
FOR H.R. 3080
OFFERED BY MR. GARDNER OF COLORADO**

At the end of title I, add the following:

1 **SEC. ____ . OFFICE OF WATER STORAGE.**

2 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in the
3 Corps of Engineers an Office of Water Storage (in this
4 section referred to as the “Office”).

5 (b) ADMINISTRATOR.—The Secretary, acting through
6 the Chief of Engineers, shall appoint an Administrator of
7 the Office, who shall be the head of the Office.

8 (c) PURPOSE.—The Office shall—

9 (1) serve as an initial point of contact for any
10 person carrying out a project to construct a water
11 storage facility that requires the acquisition of a
12 Federal permit or the satisfaction of other Federal
13 requirements;

14 (2) act as a liaison between such persons and
15 appropriate Federal departments and agencies, in-
16 cluding the Environmental Protection Agency and
17 the Department of the Interior, with respect to such
18 projects to facilitate the acquisition of necessary per-
19 mits and the satisfaction of all other requirements;

1 (3) ensure that, with respect to such projects,
2 necessary Federal permits are acquired and all other
3 Federal requirements are satisfied before construc-
4 tion begins; and

5 (4) coordinate with appropriate Federal depart-
6 ments and agencies to streamline the Federal ap-
7 proval process with respect to such projects, includ-
8 ing by limiting the duration of such process to not
9 more than 365 days in each case in which each Gov-
10 ernor of a State associated with the project has pro-
11 vided notice to the Office of that Governor's ap-
12 proval of the project.

13 (d) **TIMING REQUIREMENT.**—Notwithstanding any
14 other provision of law, with respect to a project to con-
15 struct a water storage facility, any Federal permit or other
16 Federal requirement necessary to be acquired or satisfied
17 for purposes of such project shall be deemed to be ac-
18 quired or satisfied if—

19 (1) each Governor of a State associated with
20 the project has provided notice to the Office of that
21 Governor's approval of the project; and

22 (2) a determination with respect to approval of
23 the permit or satisfaction of the requirement was
24 not made during the 365-day period beginning on
25 the date on which an application for the permit or

1 an inquiry regarding the satisfaction of the require-
2 ment was submitted to the relevant Federal depart-
3 ment or agency.

4 (e) NOTICE OF PERMIT APPLICATIONS.—The Admin-
5 istrator of the Environmental Protection Agency and the
6 Secretary of the Interior shall each provide notice to the
7 Administrator of the Office upon the receipt of an applica-
8 tion for a permit relating to a water storage facility.

9 (f) WATER STORAGE FACILITY DEFINED.—In this
10 section, the term “water storage facility” means any facil-
11 ity constructed by a person that is equipped to store at
12 least 5,000 acre-feet of water for later use for any pur-
13 pose, including dams, tanks, covered and uncovered res-
14 ervoirs, water towers, and artificial water bodies.

