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S. 2232

To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to authorize appropriations for each of fiscal years 1994 through 1998 for the construction of wastewater treatment works to serve United States colonias by providing water pollution control in the vicinity of the international boundary between the United States and Mexico, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 23 (legislative day, JUNE 7), 1994

Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself and Mr. DECONCINI) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. ASSISTANCE TO UNITED STATES COLONIAS.**

2 Title II of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act
3 (33 U.S.C. 1281 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end
4 the following new section:

5 **“SEC. 220. ASSISTANCE TO UNITED STATES COLONIAS.**

6 “(a) **PURPOSE.**—The purpose of this section is to
7 protect the economy, public health, environment, surface
8 water, ground water, and water quality in the United
9 States colonias areas, which are endangered and are being
10 polluted by raw or partially treated sewage, in furtherance
11 of the goals of this Act.

12 “(b) **DEFINITION OF UNITED STATES COLONIA.**—As
13 used in this section, the term ‘United States colonia’—

14 “(1) means any identifiable community that—

15 “(A) is in the State of Arizona, California,
16 New Mexico, or Texas;

17 “(B) is in the area of the United States
18 within 100 kilometers of the border between the
19 United States and Mexico; and

20 “(C) is determined to be a colonia on the
21 basis of objective criteria, including lack of po-
22 table water supply or lack of adequate sewage
23 systems; and

24 “(2) includes a community within a standard
25 metropolitan statistical area that has a population

1 exceeding 1,000,000, but does not include the entire
2 standard metropolitan statistical area.

3 “(c) FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO UNITED STATES
4 COLONIAS.—The Administrator is authorized to provide
5 financial assistance to any State of the United States
6 along the United States-Mexico border, or to any entity
7 designated by the President, for the construction of treat-
8 ment works to serve United States colonias.

9 “(d) APPROVAL OF PLANS.—Any wastewater treat-
10 ment works to serve United States colonias for which fi-
11 nancial assistance is provided under this section shall be
12 constructed in accordance with plans approved by the
13 State under appropriate standards required by the Admin-
14 istrator. The plans shall include construction cost esti-
15 mates and identify responsible parties and the appropriate
16 allocation of costs associated with operating and maintain-
17 ing the treatment works.

18 “(e) COST SHARE.—The Federal share of construc-
19 tion costs for grants under this section shall be 50 percent.
20 The non-Federal share shall consist of State funds from
21 State sources.

22 “(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
23 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
24 \$60,000,000 for fiscal year 1994 and \$50,000,000 for
25 each of fiscal years 1995 through 1998.”.

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