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1ST SESSION

S. 1378

To transfer to the Secretary of the Interior authority to revise the Missouri River Master Water Control Manual.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 8, 2003

Mr. DORGAN 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,*

# 3 SECTION 1. MISSOURI RIVER MASTER WATER CONTROL 4 MANUAL

5 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

6 (1) the original study for the revision of the op-  
7 erating plan under the Missouri River Master Water  
8 Control Manual was begun in November 1989 and  
9 was scheduled to be completed 6 months later;

1 (2) the Corps of Engineers has missed that  
2 deadline by more than 13 years and has consistently  
3 missed every other deadline set in the interim;

4 (3) the Corps of Engineers is unable or unwilling  
5 to move the process forward to revise the Manual,  
6 despite legal requirements, direction from Congress,  
7 scientific evidence, and various lawsuits from  
8 affected parties;

17 (5) the Missouri River yields more than 10  
18 times the economic benefit for recreation and tour-  
19 ism in upstream States than it does for shipping in-  
20 terests in the downstream States; and

21 (6) it appears that the Corps of Engineers is  
22 unable to provide the leadership necessary to finalize  
23 revisions to the Manual.

24 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

10 (c) TRANSFER OF AUTHORITY.—There is transferred  
11 from the Secretary of the Army to the Secretary of the  
12 Interior all authority of the Secretary of the Army to—

13 (1) revise the Manual; and

16 (d) COMPLETION OF CURRENT REVISION.—The Sec-  
17 retary of the Interior shall, to the maximum extent prac-  
18 ticable, complete the revision of the Manual begun by the  
19 Secretary of the Army before the date of enactment of  
20 this Act not later than the date set for completion by the  
21 Secretary of the Army.

22 (e) MANAGEMENT OF WATER RESOURCE  
23 PROJECTS.—After the Secretary of the Interior revises the  
24 Manual, the Secretary of the Interior shall manage water

1 resource projects formerly operated by the Corps of Engineers  
2 in accordance with the revised Manual.

