

112TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

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To amend the Federal Power Act to require the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to consider private landownership and private use of land in issuing hydropower licenses, and for other purposes

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Mrs. McCASKILL, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. COBURN, and Mr. ENZI) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**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 “Supporting Home  
5 Owner Rights Enforcement Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. HYDROPOWER LICENSES.**

7 (a) Section 4(e) of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C.  
8 797(e)) is amended—

1           (1) by designated the first, second, and third  
2 sentences as paragraphs (1) through (3) respec-  
3 tively; and

4           (2) in paragraph (3) (as so designated), by in-  
5 sserting “private landownership by any nonlicensee  
6 and private use of land,” before “recreational oppor-  
7 tunities”.

8           (b) Section 10 of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C.  
9 803) is amended—

10           (1) in subsection (a)(1), by inserting “private  
11 landownership by any nonlicensee and private use of  
12 land,” after “water supply”; and

13           (2) by adding at the end the following:

14           “(k) PRIVATE LANDOWNERSHIP.—

15           “(1) IN GENERAL.—In developing any rec-  
16 reational resource within the project boundary, the  
17 licensee shall consider private landownership by any  
18 nonlicensee as a means to encourage and facilitate—

19                   “(A) private investment; and

20                   “(B) increased tourism and recreational  
21 use.

22           “(2) LICENSES.—

23                   “(A) FUTURE LICENSES.—The Commis-  
24 sion shall include the text contained in para-

1 graph (1) in any license issued after the date  
2 of enactment of this subsection.

3 “(B) EXISTING LICENSES.—Any licensee  
4 may include the text contained in paragraph (1)  
5 in any license in effect as of the date of enact-  
6 ment of this subsection.”