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NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President has signed H. R. 6669 - Authorization for reclamation feasibility studies -- which authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to engage in feasibility investigations of twelve specified potential water resource and certain other projects.

This legislation authorizes feasibility studies of potential electric power transmission system improvements in a broad area within the seventeen Western States (\$300,000); the Boulder Canyon Project (\$700,000), to increase hydroelectric power peaking capacity at the Hoover Dam on the Arizona-Nevada boundary; and the Yakima project (\$350,000) to coordinate potential Indian irrigation projects in the State of Washington.

The total estimated cost of the feasibility studies covered in H. R. 6669 is \$5,227,000 over an approximate 5-year span.

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