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NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President has signed H.R. 6622 - Repair of the Del City aqueduct, Oklahoma.

This bill authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to assume responsibility for certain repair costs for the Del City aqueduct.

The Norman Oklahoma Federal reclamation project consists of a reservoir and a system of pumping plants and aqueducts for delivery of municipal and industrial water to three cities in Central Oklahoma. A component of this project, the Del City aqueduct, was constructed under a contract whereby the Central Oklahoma Conservancy District would maintain and operate it.

H.R. 6622 will authorize the Secretary of the Interior to amend a contract that was agreed upon to repair the aqueduct by adjusting the district's annual amounts due to the United States during the remaining 40-year repayment period for the Del City aqueduct. The specific adjustment would be a credit against the district's annual repayment obligation equalling those costs incurred by the district to repair the Del City aqueduct.

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