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[S. 501, New Mexico Navajo Water Settlement Technical Corrections Act](#)

FLOOR SITUATION

On Wednesday, September 16, 2015, the House will consider [S. 501](#), the *New Mexico Navajo Water Settlement Technical Corrections Act*, under suspension of the rules. S. 501 was introduced on February 12, 2015 by Senator Tom Udall (D-NM) and passed the Senate by unanimous consent on May 21, 2015.

SUMMARY

S. 501 makes technical corrections to a water supply project in New Mexico established by the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 ([Public Law 111-11](#)).

BACKGROUND

Public Law 111-11 authorized the Navajo-Gallup Water Supply Project. The law directed the Secretary of the Interior to design, construct, operate, and maintain a water supply project that would provide water to the Navajo Nation, the Jicarilla Apache Nation, and the City of Gallup, New Mexico. S. 501 clarifies ambiguities in the law regarding the project and aligns statutory provisions with the original intent of the stakeholders.¹

COST

The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) [estimates](#) that implementing S. 501 would have no significant effect on the federal budget. Because enacting S. 501 would not affect revenues or direct spending, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

¹ [Senate Report 114-41](#) at 1 and 2.

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