

REPORT AMENDMENTS

Senator Tester

On page 71 of the report, under “St. Mary’s Diversion Dam and Conveyance Works” strike “A” through “possible.” and insert “The Committee recognizes Reclamation’s completion of the ability-to-pay study assessing the cost share for rehabilitation work done on the St. Mary’s Project and notes the study found that irrigators are unable to provide a local cost share for work on the project. The Committee further appreciates Reclamation’s work to study and design rehabilitation options for the St. Mary’s Diversion and Headworks and the Fresno Dam, and encourages Reclamation to complete this work as expeditiously as possible.”

Senator Manchin

On page 82 of the report, under heading “Hydrogen”, at end of section insert “The Committee instructs the Department to support updates to Argonne National Laboratory’s Greenhouse gases, Regulated Emissions, and Energy use in Technologies, also known as the GREET model, including updating model defaults to match the best available science and data for consistency in modelling life-cycle greenhouse gas emissions; including innovative ways to produce hydrogen, such as geologic hydrogen and through the use of coal bed/coal mine methane, as well as other advanced pathways leveraging diverse domestic resources.”

Senator Manchin

On page 83 of the report, after “concerns.” insert “Battery Grants.— The Committee is concerned about reports that the Department of Energy is attempting to include additional requirements that were not mandated in the *Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act* for projects that have been selected to negotiate a Battery Manufacturing and Recycling or a Battery Materials Processing award. The Committee encourages the Department to proceed expeditiously in negotiations to finalize awards without further delay due to requirements not mandated by law.”

Senator Manchin

On page 129 of the report, under heading “Clean Energy Demonstrations” at end of section insert, “The Committee expects that the Department will make selections for award negotiation by the end of the calendar year 2023 to support the timely development of Regional Clean Hydrogen Hubs.”

Senator Manchin

On page 131 of the report, under “Innovative Technology Loan Guarantee Program” at end of section, insert “Energy Infrastructure Refinancing.— The Committee emphasizes that the Energy Infrastructure Reinvestment program has two distinct uses: 1) to enable operating energy infrastructure to avoid, reduce, utilize, or sequester air pollutants or anthropogenic emissions of greenhouse gases and 2) to retool, repower, repurpose, or replace energy infrastructure that has ceased operations. The Committee directs the Department to give full and fair consideration and support to both types of projects in a fuel- and technology-neutral manner, including proposals to add emissions controls to operating coal and natural gas power plants when such proposals meet the requirements of the Energy Infrastructure Reinvestment program, sections 1702 and 1706 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, as amended.”

Senator Hagerty

On page 133 of the report, before “Office of the Inspector General”, insert “The Committee directs the Secretary to provide to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress a briefing, no later than 90 days after enactment of this act, regarding any strategic plans developed by the Department since January 20, 2021 outlining the ways that the Department has promoted voter registration, and voter participation.”

Bill Amendments

Senator Manchin

On page 70 of the bill strike line 23 through page 71 line 10 and insert “Of amounts previously appropriated under the heading “Department of Energy—Energy Programs --Electricity” in division J of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Public Law 117–58) that are made available for fiscal years 2024, 2025, and 2026, up to \$1,200,000,000 shall be available, in addition to amounts otherwise made available under such heading, for Grid Deployment activities previously authorized in sections 40101, 40106(d)(3), 40107, or 40125(d) of that Act, including financial assistance, procurement, technical assistance, and workforce support, to enhance the domestic supply chain for the manufacture of electric grid components, including key materials and components thereof, of which up to \$400,000,000 shall be available for each of fiscal years 2024, 2025, and 2026; *Provided*, That the funds made available in the preceding proviso may be used to *supplement* amounts previously appropriated in the heading “Department of Energy – Energy Programs – Electricity” in division J of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Public Law 117-58): *Provided further*, That amounts appropriated in such heading may be increased by up to 15 percent. *Provided further*, That of funds made available in the preceding proviso, no additional funds may be expended to deploy generation.”