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H.R. 569—Amendments to the Water Quality Investment Act of 2007

H.R. 569, the Water Quality Investment Act of 2007 (sponsored by Rep. Pascrell, D-NJ), is scheduled to be considered on the House floor today, March 7, 2007, subject to an modified open rule ([H.Res. 214](#)), allowing one motion to recommit with instructions. Below are the summaries of the amendments preprinted in the Congressional Record. Amendments are debatable for 10 minutes, unless otherwise noted. As other amendments are considered through the day, the RSC will provide additional information on these amendments. Note: summaries are based on RSC staff’s review of *actual amendment text*. For a summary of the underlying bill, see a separate RSC document released yesterday.

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Price (R-GA). Applies PAYGO to the provisions in H.R. 569, requiring all spending in the bill to be offset by decreasing spending elsewhere. Specifically, the amendment states, “No authorization of appropriations made by this Act or other provision of this Act that results in costs to the Federal Government shall be effective except to the extent that this Act provides for offsetting decreases in spending of the Federal Government, such that the net effect of this Act does not either increase the Federal deficit or reduce the Federal surplus.”

According to the sponsor’s office, “In an effort to control federal funding, this amendment applies PAYGO, requiring that spending in this legislation, which authorizes \$1.8 billion in discretionary spending, be offset by reductions in spending elsewhere.”

Rohrabacher (R-CA). Requires that entities receiving grant funding through these programs assure the EPA that they will impose conditions requiring all persons, including contractors, and subcontractors, carrying out activities in these programs to participate in the Employment Eligibility Verification Pilot Program. According to the sponsor’s office, this amendment would require grantees to utilize a database operated by the Department of Homeland Security in which an employer can enter information about an employee, such as their alien number, in order to confirm an individual’s identity and status in the United States. The cosponsor intends that this amendment would prohibit funding in this program from going to contractors who hire illegal aliens.

King (R-IA). Reduces the authorization levels in the bill as follows:
FY 2008: from \$250 million to \$237 million

FY 2009: from \$300 million to \$285 million
FY 2010: from \$350 million to \$332 million
FY 2011: from \$400 million to \$380 million
FY 2012: from \$500 million to \$475 million

This represents a 5% decrease in the overall authorization level for this bill. Currently H.R. 569 would authorize \$1.8 billion in federal funding. The King amendment would reduce the over all authorization to \$1.71 billion

According to the sponsor's office, "this amendment is just a simple 5% reduction that actually brings federal spending for this program in line with general inflation."