

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study and develop a plan for the removal of invasive salt cedar.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—114th Cong., 2d Sess.

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Making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and ordered to be printed

Ordered to lie on the table and to be printed

AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. MCCAIN (for himself and Mr. FLAKE) to the amendment (No. 3801) proposed by Mr. ALEXANDER

Viz:

1 At the end of title II, add the following:

2 SEC. 2____. (a) The Secretary of the Interior, in co-
3 ordination with the Secretary of the Army and the Sec-
4 retary of Agriculture, may enter into an agreement with
5 the National Academy of Sciences under which the Na-
6 tional Academy of Sciences shall conduct a comprehensive
7 study, to be completed not later than 1 year after the date
8 of enactment of this Act, on the effectiveness and environ-
9 mental impact of salt cedar control efforts (including bio-

1 logical control) in increasing water supplies, restoring ri-
2 parian habitat, and improving flood management.

3 (b) Not later than 1 year after the date of completion
4 of the study under subsection (a), the Secretary of the
5 Interior, in coordination with the Secretary of Agriculture,
6 shall prepare a plan for the removal of salt cedar from
7 all Federal land in the Lower Colorado River basin based
8 on the findings and recommendations of the study con-
9 ducted by the National Academy of Sciences that in-
10 cludes—

11 (1) provisions for revegetating Federal land
12 with native vegetation;

13 (2) provisions for adapting to the increasing
14 presence of biological control in the Lower Colorado
15 River basin;

16 (3) provisions for removing salt cedar from
17 Federal land during post-wildfire recovery activities;

18 (4) strategies for developing partnerships with
19 State, tribal, and local governmental entities in the
20 eradication of salt cedar; and

21 (5) budget estimates and completion timelines
22 for the implementation of plan elements.