

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To provide for recreational access for floating cabins on the Tennessee River System.

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

S. 2848

To provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, 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. BURR to the amendment (No. 4979) proposed by Mr. INHOFE

Viz:

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

2 **SEC. 80__ . RECREATIONAL ACCESS OF FLOATING CABINS.**

3 The Tennessee Valley Authority Act of 1933 is
4 amended by inserting after section 9a (16 U.S.C. 831h–
5 1) the following:

6 **“SEC. 9b. RECREATIONAL ACCESS.**

7 “(a) DEFINITION OF FLOATING CABIN.—In this sec-
8 tion, the term ‘floating cabin’ means a watercraft or other
9 floating structure—

1 “(1) primarily designed and used for human
2 habitation or occupation; and

3 “(2) not primarily designed or used for naviga-
4 tion or transportation on water.

5 “(b) RECREATIONAL ACCESS PERMITTED.—The
6 Board may approve and allow the construction and use
7 of a floating cabins on waters under the jurisdiction of
8 the Corporation if—

9 “(1) the floating cabin is maintained by the
10 owner to reasonable health, safety, and environ-
11 mental standards, as required by the Board; and

12 “(2) the Corporation has authorized the use of
13 recreational vessels on the waters.

14 “(c) FEES.—The Board may assess fees on the owner
15 of a floating cabin on waters under the jurisdiction of the
16 Corporation for the purpose of ensuring compliance with
17 subsection (b) if the fees are necessary and reasonable for
18 those purposes.

19 “(d) CONTINUED RECREATIONAL USE.—With re-
20 spect to a floating cabin located on waters under the juris-
21 diction of the Corporation on the date of enactment of this
22 section, the Board—

23 “(1) may not require the removal of the float-
24 ing cabin—

1 “(A) in the case of a floating cabin that
2 was granted a permit by the Corporation before
3 the date of enactment of this section, for a pe-
4 riod of 15 years beginning on that date of en-
5 actment; and

6 “(B) in the case of a floating cabin not
7 granted a permit by the Corporation before the
8 date of enactment of this section, for a period
9 of 5 years beginning on that date of enactment;
10 and

11 “(2) shall approve and allow the use of the
12 floating cabin on waters under the jurisdiction of the
13 Corporation at such time and for such duration as—

14 “(A) the floating cabin meets the require-
15 ments of subsection (b); and

16 “(B) the owner of the floating cabin has
17 paid any fee assessed pursuant to subsection
18 (c).”.