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To amend title 54, United States Code, to provide permanent, dedicated funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund, and for other purposes.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. MANCHIN (for himself, Mr. GARDNER, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. BURR, Mr. BENNET, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. TESTER, Mr. DAINES, Mr. UDALL, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. KING, and Mrs. SHAHEEN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Land and Water Con-  
5       servation Fund Permanent Funding Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PERMANENT FULL FUNDING OF THE LAND AND**  
2 **WATER CONSERVATION FUND.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 200303 of title 54, United  
4 States Code, is amended to read as follows:

5 **“§ 200303. Availability of funds**

6 “(a) IN GENERAL.—For fiscal year 2020 and each  
7 fiscal year thereafter, amounts deposited in the Fund  
8 under section 200302 shall be made available for expendi-  
9 ture, without further appropriation or fiscal year limita-  
10 tion, to carry out the purposes of the Fund (including ac-  
11 counts and programs made available from the Fund under  
12 the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations  
13 Act, 2015 (Public Law 113–235; 128 Stat. 2130)).

14 “(b) ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS.—Amounts made avail-  
15 able under subsection (a) shall be in addition to amounts  
16 made available to the Fund under section 105 of the Gulf  
17 of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006 (43 U.S.C. 1331  
18 note; Public Law 109–432) or otherwise appropriated  
19 from the Fund.

20 “(c) ALLOCATION AUTHORITY.—

21 “(1) SUBMISSION OF COST ESTIMATES.—The  
22 President shall submit to Congress detailed account,  
23 program, and project allocations to be funded under  
24 subsection (a) as part of the annual budget submis-  
25 sion of the President.

26 “(2) ALTERNATE ALLOCATION.—

1           “(A) IN GENERAL.—Appropriations Acts  
2           may provide for alternate allocation of amounts  
3           made available under subsection (a), including  
4           allocations by account and program.

5           “(B) ALLOCATION BY PRESIDENT.—

6           “(i) NO ALTERNATE ALLOCATIONS.—

7           If Congress has not enacted legislation es-  
8           tablishing alternate allocations by the date  
9           that is 120 days after the date on which  
10          the applicable fiscal year begins, amounts  
11          made available under subsection (a) shall  
12          be allocated by the President.

13          “(ii) INSUFFICIENT ALTERNATE AL-  
14          LOCATION.—If Congress enacts legislation  
15          establishing alternate allocations for  
16          amounts made available under subsection  
17          (a) that are less than the full amount ap-  
18          propriated under that subsection, the dif-  
19          ference between the amount appropriated  
20          and the alternate allocation shall be allo-  
21          cated by the President.

22          “(3) RECREATIONAL PUBLIC ACCESS.—

23          Amounts expended from the Fund under this section  
24          shall be consistent with the requirements for rec-  
25          reational public access for hunting, fishing, rec-

1 recreational shooting, or other outdoor recreational pur-  
2 poses under section 200306(c).

3 “(4) ANNUAL REPORT.—The President shall  
4 submit to Congress an annual report that describes  
5 the final allocation by account, program, and project  
6 of amounts made available under subsection (a), in-  
7 cluding a description of the status of obligations and  
8 expenditures.”.

9 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 200302(c)  
10 of title 54, United States Code, is amended by striking  
11 paragraph (3).

12 (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
13 for chapter 2003 of title 54, United States Code, is  
14 amended by striking the item relating to section 200303  
15 and inserting the following:

“200303. Availability of funds.”.