Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate at this
time take up Senate Bill 1217. This is a bill that would allow the
Secretary of the Army to contract with the City of McCormick, S. C., to
supply the city with 600 acre-feet of water annually from the Clark Hill
Reservoir.

This bill would cost the government no money, and would at the
same time alleviate a critical shortage of water in the area caused by
the recent drought in the southeast. It is imperative that this measure
be given swift action in order that the additional water be supplied to
the city to prevent a shut-down by a large cotton mill upon which the
entire community is dependent.

In order to expedite matters, I ask unanimous consent that
HR 4436, as passed by the House of Representatives on Wednesday, be
substituted in lieu of my bill, S-1217. The bills are very similar
and would serve the same purpose. By substituting HR 4436 we can
prevent further delay on final action in this matter.