SEC. ___. TERMINATION OF THE LAKE EUFAULA ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Section 3133(b) of the Water Resources Development Act of 2007 (Public Law 110–114; 121 Stat. 1141) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(5) TERMINATION.—The Committee shall terminate 30 days after submitting its final recommendations to the Corps of Engineers.".

[Please note: The "Changes to Existing Law" section below sets out in red-line format how the legislative text would amend existing law.]

Section-by-Section Analysis

This proposal concludes the termination of the Lake Eufaula Advisory Committee (LEAC) authorized under section 3133 of the Water Resources Development Act of 2007. The LEAC's objective was to maximize the use of available Lake Eufaula storage in a balanced approach that incorporates advice from representatives from all the project purposes to ensure that the full value of the reservoir is realized by the United States. The LEAC held its last meeting on January 29, 2018, and presented three recommendations to the Tulsa District Commander of the Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) on April 13, 2018. The USACE has implemented two of those recommendations. The Secretary of the Army, as the Department of Defense Sponsor for this advisory committee, believes that the committee has met its statutory objectives with its final report and recommendations.

The sense of Congress as identified in FACA (Public Law 92-463) is that "advisory committees should be terminated when they are no longer carrying out the purposes for which they are established." Current DoD policy is to "continually evaluate advisory committee requirements and, when appropriate, request termination when the advisory committee's objectives have been accomplished …".

Since its last meeting in 2018, the LEAC has not met, and the Army has determined that there is no further need for it to meet, agreeing to its administrative suspension and termination via email on October 24, 2018. The DoD, in consultation with the General Services Administration, made the LEAC administratively inactive on November 8, 2018, pending final termination, which requires this statutory language change. Congress was also notified of this status change via letter on November 8, 2018.

Finalizing the LEAC's termination removes any administrative burden from DoD for an advisory committee that has accomplished its objectives.

Budget Implications: This proposal has no significant budgetary impact. Incidental costs or savings are accounted for within the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 President's Budget.

Changes to Existing Law: This proposal would amend section 3133(b) of the Water Resources Development Act of 2007 (Public Law 110–114; 121 Stat. 1141) as follows:

(b) LAKE EUFAULA ADVISORY COMMITTEE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.— In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.), the Secretary shall establish an advisory committee for the Lake Eufaula, Canadian River, Oklahoma project authorized by the first section of the River and Harbor Act of July 24, 1946 (60 Stat. 635).

(2) PURPOSE.— The purpose of the committee shall be advisory only.

(3) DUTIES.— The committee shall provide information and recommendations to the Corps of Engineers regarding the operations of Lake Eufaula for the project purposes for Lake Eufaula.

(4) COMPOSITION.— The Committee shall be composed of members that equally represent the project purposes for Lake Eufaula.

(5) TERMINATION.—The Committee shall terminate 30 days after submitting its final recommendations to the Corps of Engineers.