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H. R. 10383

To require the Secretary of the Army to expedite the completion of agreements with non-Federal interests for beneficial use of dredged material from federally authorized harbors in the State of Ohio, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. KAPTUR introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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. BENEFICIAL USE OF DREDGED MATERIAL**
4 **FROM HARBORS IN THE STATE OF OHIO.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall expedite the
6 review of a request of a non-Federal interest to enter into
7 a partnership agreement under section 217(c) of the
8 Water Resources Development Act of 1996 (33 U.S.C.

1 2326a(c)) for the design, construction, or operation of a
2 facility used to demonstrate potential beneficial uses of
3 dredged material from a federally authorized harbor in the
4 State of Ohio.

5 (b) USER FEES.—An agreement described in sub-
6 section (a) and entered into after an expedited review
7 under subsection (a) may provide for the Secretary to re-
8 imburse the non-Federal interest for funds provided by
9 such non-Federal interest for activities carried out pursu-
10 ant to the agreement through the payment of subsequent
11 user fees to the non-Federal interest in a manner con-
12 sistent with section 217(d)(2) of the Water Resources De-
13 velopment Act of 1996 (33 U.S.C. 2326a(d)(2)), as
14 though the non-Federal interest is a private entity under
15 such section.

16 (c) DREDGED MATERIAL MANAGEMENT PLAN.—In
17 reviewing a request pursuant to subsection (a), if the Sec-
18 retary determines that timely completion of a dredged ma-
19 terial management plan with respect to a federally author-
20 ized harbor described in subsection (a) is not feasible due
21 to complexity, controversy, or other compelling factors,
22 and in cases in which capacity is inadequate to accommo-
23 date the maintenance dredging needs of the harbor, the
24 Secretary may enter into the agreement prior to comple-
25 tion of such a dredged material management plan.

1 (d) PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES.—Prior to enter-
2 ing into an agreement reviewed pursuant to subsection (a),
3 the Secretary may apply the practices and procedures de-
4 scribed in part 337 of title 33, Code of Federal Regula-
5 tions, to the facility that is proposed to be subject to the
6 requested agreement.

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