Public Law 97-64
97th Congress

An Act

Granting the consent of Congress to the agreement between the States of Kansas and Missouri establishing their mutual boundary in the vicinity of the French Bottoms near Saint Joseph, Missouri, and Elwood, Kansas.

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[H.R. 4048]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Congress consents to the agreement between the States of Kansas and Missouri establishing their mutual boundary in the vicinity of the Gladden-French-Elwood Bottoms near Saint Joseph, Missouri, and Elwood, Kansas, as the thalweg line of the channel of the Missouri River abandoned by avulsion in April 1952, which is more particularly described in the project maps, reports, and documents submitted April 30, 1980, by Williamson Engineering and Surveying, Saint Joseph, Missouri, consisting of sheets one to sixteen, inclusive, and filed in the Office of the Secretary of State for the State of Kansas, and in the Office of the State Land Surveyor, Division of Research and Technical Information, Department of Natural Resources, State of Missouri. Such agreement was approved by the State of Kansas on May 8, 1980, by the State of Missouri on June 25, 1981, and is substantially as follows:

Kansas-Missouri. Boundary agreement.

The true and permanent boundary line between the State of Missouri and the State of Kansas follows the thalweg line at the time of the April 1952 avulsion and sudden change of the Missouri River Channel and is more particularly described as beginning at the intersection of the present thalweg line of the Missouri River Channel and the thalweg line of the Missouri River Channel as it existed prior to the April 1952 avulsion and having Kansas State coordinate of 540240.22 feet north and 2878720.31 feet east of the Kansas north zone; thence along the thalweg line as it existed prior to the April 1952 avulsion the following courses and distances: north 85 degrees 50 minutes 30 seconds west to an aluminum monument, 482.0 feet; south 67 degrees 13 minutes 0 seconds west, 814.0 feet to an aluminum monument; south 51 degrees 09 minutes 0 seconds west, 693.0 feet; south 78 degrees 58 minutes 0 seconds west, 601.0 feet to an aluminum monument; south 59 degrees 11 minutes 0 seconds west, 996.0 feet to an aluminum monument; south 20 degrees 57 minutes 30 seconds west, 1,725.0 feet; south 51 degrees 36 minutes 0 seconds west, 658.0 feet; south 42 degrees 12 minutes 30 seconds west, 1,596.0 feet; south 55 degrees 30 minutes 30 seconds west, 597.0 feet; south 60 degrees 26 minutes 30 seconds west, 1,601.0 feet; south 64 degrees 34 minutes 30 seconds west, 1,237.0 feet; south 87 degrees 02 minutes 30 seconds west, 368.0 feet; south 73 degrees 47 minutes 30 seconds west, 602.0 feet; south 85 degrees 54 minutes 0 seconds west, 1,146.0 feet; north 75 degrees 38 minutes 30 seconds west, 565.0 feet; north 68 degrees 54 minutes 30 seconds west, 806.0 feet; north 61 degrees 58 minutes 0 seconds west, 787.0 feet; north 55 degrees 20 minutes 0 seconds west, 1,793.0 feet; north 48 degrees 13 minutes 0 seconds

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west, 2,897.0 feet; north 43 degrees 25 minutes 30 seconds west, 902.0 feet; north 28 degrees 04 minutes 30 seconds west, 1,190.0 feet; north 22 degrees 01 minutes 30 seconds west, 1,101.0 feet; north 10 degrees 19 minutes 30 seconds east, 825.0 feet; north 17 degrees 07 minutes 30 seconds west, 662.0 feet to an aluminum monument; north 8 degrees 48 minutes 0 seconds east, 556.0 feet; north 4 degrees 33 minutes 30 seconds west, 692.0 feet to an aluminum monument; north 29 degrees 27 minutes 0 seconds east, 1,200.0 feet; north 44 degrees 15 minutes 0 seconds east, 1,096.0 feet to an aluminum monument; north 58 degrees 32 minutes 30 seconds east, 1,112.0 feet; north 74 degrees 17 minutes 0 seconds east, 1,181.0 feet; south 55 degrees 0 minutes 30 seconds east, 855.0 feet; south 89 degrees 49 minutes 30 seconds east, 1,640.0 feet; south 78 degrees 07 minutes 30 seconds east, 996.0 feet; south 89 degrees 07 minutes 0 seconds east, 650.0 feet to an aluminum monument; north 70 degrees 10 minutes 30 seconds east, 781.0 feet; south 81 degrees 27 minutes 30 seconds east, 1,042.0 feet to an aluminum monument; north 69 degrees 36 minutes 0 seconds east, 1,707.0 feet; north 71 degrees 34 minutes 0 seconds east, 2,498.0 feet to an aluminum monument; north 55 degrees 57 minutes 0 seconds east, 1,098.0 feet to an aluminum monument; north 48 degrees 55 minutes 30 seconds east, 982.0 feet to an aluminum monument; north 19 degrees 01 minutes 30 seconds east, 491.0 feet to an aluminum monument; north 51 degrees 47 minutes 0 seconds east, 503.0 feet; north 34 degrees 27 minutes 0 seconds east, 521.0 feet; north 40 degrees 06 minutes 0 seconds east, 373.0 feet to the point of intersection of the thalweg line of the current Missouri River Channel and the thalweg line as it existed prior to the April 1952 avulsion and having Kansas State coordinate values of 549195.06 feet north and 2876850.19 feet east of the Kansas north zone, according to a survey executed by Williamson Engineering and Surveying dated April 30, 1980, and hereby made a part of the legal description.

SEC. 2. Nothing contained in the agreement described in the first section of this Act shall be construed as impairing or in any manner affecting any right or jurisdiction of the United States in and over the region which forms the subject of the agreement.

SEC. 3. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is expressly reserved.

Approved October 16, 1981.

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