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# H. R. 1675

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BOUSTANY (for himself, Mr. McCREERY, Mr. JEFFERSON, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. JINDAL, Mr. MELANCON, and Mr. BAKER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

To provide for agreements between Federal agencies to partner or transfer funds to accomplish erosion goals relating to the coastal area of Louisiana, and for other purposes.

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 “Together-Immediately  
5 Defeating Erosion Act of 2005”.

1 **SEC. 2. PURPOSE.**

2       The purpose of this Act is to encourage Federal agen-  
3 cies to carry out comprehensive, interagency projects relat-  
4 ing to the conservation, protection, and restoration of the  
5 coastal area of the State of Louisiana.

6 **SEC. 3. AMENDMENT TO FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CON-**  
7 **TROL ACT.**

8       Title I of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act  
9 (33 U.S.C. 1254–1274) is amended—

10           (1) by redesignating the second section 121 as  
11       section 122; and

12           (2) by adding at the end the following:

13 **“SEC. 123. COASTAL LOUISIANA.**

14       “(a) USE OF FUNDS.—Any funds authorized to be  
15 appropriated under this section shall be used in a manner  
16 that is consistent with a multi-agency, comprehensive con-  
17 servation, protection, and restoration program for the  
18 coastal area of Louisiana.

19       “(b) CONSERVATION, PROTECTION, AND RESTORA-  
20 TION PROGRAMS.—The Administrator shall use funds au-  
21 thorized to be appropriated under this section for one or  
22 more of the following:

23           “(1) To participate in programs relating to the  
24       coastal area of the State of Louisiana regarding—

25                   “(A) environmental restoration; and

26                   “(B) resource protection.

1           “(2) To carry out such restoration projects re-  
2 relating to the coastal area of the State of Louisiana  
3 as the Administrator determines to be appropriate.

4           “(3) To enter into an agreement with the head  
5 of any other Federal agency to partner or transfer  
6 funds to achieve the purpose described in section 2  
7 of the Together-Immediately Defending Erosion Act  
8 of 2005.

9           “(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
10 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section  
11 \$50,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2006 through 2016.”.

12 **SEC. 4. AMENDMENT TO WATERSHED PROTECTION AND**  
13 **FLOOD PREVENTION ACT.**

14           The Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act  
15 (16 U.S.C. 1001–1012) is amended by adding at the end  
16 the following:

17 **“SEC. 15. COASTAL LOUISIANA.**

18           “(a) USE OF FUNDS.—Any funds authorized to be  
19 appropriated under this section shall be used in a manner  
20 that is consistent with a multi-agency, comprehensive con-  
21 servation, protection, and restoration program for the  
22 coastal area of Louisiana.

23           “(b) CONSERVATION, PROTECTION, AND RESTORA-  
24 TION PROGRAMS.—The Secretary of Agriculture, acting  
25 through the Natural Resources Conservation Service, shall

1 use funds authorized to be appropriated under this section  
2 for one or more of the following:

3           “(1) To give technical and financial assistance  
4 to local organizations in planning and carrying out  
5 watershed projects for flood protection and other  
6 purposes consistent with the comprehensive Lou-  
7 isiana coastal conservation, protection, and restora-  
8 tion program.

9           “(2) To carry out any other appropriate activ-  
10 ity, as determined by the Secretary, in accordance  
11 with section 2 of the Together-Immediately Defend-  
12 ing Erosion Act of 2005.

13           “(3) To enter into an agreement with the head  
14 of any other Federal agency to partner or transfer  
15 funds to achieve the purpose described in such sec-  
16 tion 2.

17           “(4) To implement projects to protect or re-  
18 store watersheds and the ecosystem in coastal Lou-  
19 isiana.

20           “(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
21 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section  
22 \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2006 through 2016.”.

23 **SEC. 5. LIMITATIONS.**

24           (a) STATUTORY CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this  
25 Act, including any amendment made by this Act, shall be

1 construed to provide any new regulatory authority or to  
2 authorize the application of any regulation to coastal Lou-  
3 isiana.

4 (b) ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY.—No funds  
5 appropriated to carry out this Act, including any amend-  
6 ment made by this Act, may be used to acquire any land  
7 or interest in land.

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