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H. R. 5587

To direct the Secretary of the Army to conduct a comprehensive study of long-term water management in the southeastern United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LEWIS of Georgia (for himself, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, and Mr. SCOTT of Georgia) 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. COMPREHENSIVE SOUTHEASTERN UNITED**
4 **STATES WATERSHED MANAGEMENT STUDY.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Army, in co-
6 ordination with the Secretary of the Interior, the Sec-
7 retary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Commerce, and the
8 heads of other appropriate agencies, shall conduct, at Fed-
9 eral expense, a comprehensive study of long-term water

1 management in the southeastern United States, especially
2 in the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint River basin, the
3 Alabama-Coosa-Tallapoosa River basin, and the Savannah
4 River basin.

5 (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the study shall be to
6 develop recommendations to address current and future
7 water needs in the southeastern United States.

8 (c) DATA COLLECTION.—To the maximum extent
9 possible, the Secretaries and the heads of other Federal
10 agencies referred to in subsection (a), in conducting the
11 study, shall utilize existing data and share collected data
12 with Federal, State, and local government entities.

13 (d) INVENTORY OF ACTIONS.—In conducting the
14 study, the Secretary of the Army shall assemble an inven-
15 tory of actions taken or planned to be taken to address
16 long-term watershed management needs in the south-
17 eastern United States.

18 (e) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—In conducting the
19 study, the Secretary of the Army may enter into coopera-
20 tive agreements with State and local agencies, non-Federal
21 and nonprofit entities, and regional researchers.

22 (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
23 authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of the
24 Army to carry out this section \$7,000,000. Such sums
25 shall remain available until expended.

1 (g) SUBMISSION OF REPORT.—Not later than 3 years
2 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
3 the Army shall prepare and submit to the Committee on
4 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Rep-
5 resentatives, the Committee on Environment and Public
6 Works of the Senate, and the Governor of each State that
7 has within its boundaries any area covered by the study
8 a report on the results of the study.

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