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H. R. 574

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 18, 2007

Mr. WHITFIELD 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Lake Barkley Water
3 Level Improvement Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. SAFETY FOR LAKE BARKLEY, KENTUCKY.**

5 (a) PILOT PROGRAM.—Notwithstanding any other
6 provision of Federal law, beginning on July 1, 2007, the
7 Army Corps of Engineers, together with any other Federal
8 agency that has the authority to change the pool elevation
9 of Lake Berkley, Kentucky, shall establish and conduct
10 a pilot program that, under normal weather conditions,
11 extends the summer pool elevation of 359 feet on such
12 lake from the current draw down date of July 1 until after
13 the first Monday in September.

14 (b) PILOT PROGRAM DURATION.—Except as pro-
15 vided in subsection (d), the pilot program shall terminate
16 on the first Monday in September 2 years after the pilot
17 program begins.

18 (c) EVALUATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS.—Not
19 later than 60 days after the first Monday in September
20 2 years after the pilot program begins, the Chief of Engi-
21 neers of the Army Corps of Engineers shall evaluate the
22 effectiveness of extending the pool elevation on Lake Bar-
23 kley, Kentucky, under subsection (a) and report to the ap-
24 propriate committees of Congress their findings, including
25 any recommendations, regarding the extension of such
26 lake elevation.

1 (d) CONTINUATION.—If the Army Corps of Engi-
2 neers determines that the pilot program under this section
3 is effective, the Corps shall continue the summer elevation
4 of 359 feet on Lake Barkley, Kentucky, through the first
5 Monday in September each year.

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