

River Task Force, I rise in support of the Energy and Water conference report for fiscal year 2000.

I am pleased that the conference report includes \$18.955 million for the Environmental Management Program (EMP), a cooperative effort among the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Biological Service and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to "ensure the coordinated development and enhancement of the Upper Mississippi River System." The EMP is designed to evaluate, restore and enhance riverine and wetland habitat along a 1,200 mile stretch of the Upper Mississippi and Illinois Rivers.

This appropriation will allow the state operated EMP field stations to remain open and continue to fulfill their mission by collecting essential data on the rivers. This funding along with the recent passage of the Water Resource Development Act of 1999 highlights the EMP's importance to the Upper Mississippi River Basin's economic and environmental well being.

In addition, I am especially grateful that the fiscal year 2000 Energy and Water Appropriations conference report, provides \$3 million in funding for the Kickapoo Valley Reserve Project in western Wisconsin. This money will be used for remediation of past contamination, completion of site safety modifications, and the continuation of the work on satisfying the authorized highway relocation requirements.

In 1962, Congress first authorized the Army Corps of Engineers to construct a flood control dam at La Farge, Wisconsin. This dam project, however, was abandoned in 1973 due to environmental and economic concerns. Since the decision to abandon the project, more than 8,600 acres of land have been held in a state of limbo. Recently through the dedicated efforts of many concerned citizens in western Wisconsin, this area is finally being restored for recreation and agriculture uses. Passage of the fiscal year 2000 Energy and Water conference report will help advance this much needed project toward its completion.

While the conference report contains these two excellent projects, I am gravely disappointed that an anti-environment provision that would curtail the Federal Government's efforts to reduce global air pollution is included. Such unnecessary language will hamper global efforts to preserve our environment for future generations.

Though I am opposed to including the Knollenberg provision, because of the importance of these two projects for Wisconsin and other important Energy and Water projects which are included in this conference report, I will vote for final passage.

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise in strong support of the conference report for H.R. 2605, the Fiscal Year 2000 Energy and Water Development Appropriations bill. This annual appropriation bill includes full funding for the West Columbus Floodwall, an important project located in my district. Each year, as the appropriations process unfolds in Congress, I have made budget requests for the Floodwall Project, and have closely monitored the process to ensure that it receives the funding it needs. I remain committed toward achieving this goal. The \$16 million included in this conference report will allow this project to proceed on-schedule and on-budget and sends a strong message that Congress intends to fulfill its existing commitments to the

people of Columbus. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Chairman PACKARD (CA), Vice-Chairman VISCLOSKEY (IN), and the House and Senate conferees for the inclusion of \$16 million for the West Columbus Floodwall Project.

The threat of a major flood disaster continues to loom in Columbus and Central Ohio. In 1913, 1937, and 1959, melting snow and heavy rains caused the Scioto River to overflow its banks. The resulting catastrophic floods caused the loss of many lives, destroyed homes and businesses, and damaged millions of dollars worth of residential and commercial property. Until the Floodwall Project is completed, the potential for a major flood disaster will continue to threaten citizens, homes, and businesses located in the very heart of downtown Columbus that borders the Scioto River. Today, approximately 17,000 residents continue to be placed at risk of life, injury, and hardship. Should a 100-year frequency flood occur prior to completion of the project, the damages are estimated at \$365 million and should a 500-year flood occur, the damages are estimated to exceed \$455 million.

While risk to human life and safety is of paramount concern, completion of the Floodwall will also permit important new development along the Scioto riverfront. Columbus is now the largest city in Ohio and the fifteenth largest city in the United States. Its economy is strong and the city is experiencing rapid growth. New construction in the downtown riverfront area, however, will not be able to proceed until the Floodwall construction is completed. Without the important protection of the Floodwall, this looming risk will deter future business and housing development, economic growth, infrastructure improvements, and recreational opportunities in the city. Currently, flood plain zoning restrictions continue to remain in place for 5,520 residences and 650 non-residential structures, as well as the future development of 2,800 acres. It is, therefore, imperative to the city's growth and economic health that the Floodwall Project continue on schedule. Therefore, it is not only the safety of Columbus residents and businesses, but also the future growth of the city's downtown which depends on the timely completion of this important project.

On behalf of those that continue to live with the threat of a major disaster in Columbus and Central Ohio, let me again thank all the Members for their assistance on this very important project.

Mr. VITTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend you for your efforts to include language and funding in this Conference agreement to address so many of the urgent needs of our constituents in Louisiana, in particular two critically important projects. As you know, Mr. Chairman, flood control is a major issue in Louisiana with so many low-lying areas susceptible to high waters and flooding, especially during the hurricane season. The Southeast Louisiana (SELA) flood control project is an aggressive effort by federal, state and local officials to protect thousands of Louisianians from the loss of life and property through the construction of extensive flood control mechanisms in the most vulnerable areas of our state. Your willingness to include \$47 million for this project together with language to reinstate the Corps' current authority to expedite construction for this project and to proceed

with continuing contracts for construction is deeply appreciated.

Furthermore, with regard to the SELA project, it is my understanding that the conference report language and the current authorization for this project, specifically Section 533(d) of the 1996 Water Resources and Development Act, allows the Corps to proceed with expedited funding of construction contracts above the current authorization level as long as the projects provided for by these contracts are determined by the Corps to be "technically sound, environmentally acceptable, and economic as applicable."

Secondly, I applaud you and the conferees for including \$15.9 million in the Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) budget for the Inner Harbor Navigational Canal (IHNC) Lock Replacement Project in New Orleans and inserting language in the Conference Report that would expedite the community mitigation plan associated with that project.

Finally, regarding the IHNC lock replacement project, I believe that the Corps is directed to work in good faith to arrive at an equitable solution to value the properties that it acquires from the Port of New Orleans to complete this project. Accordingly, under such direction, the Port's property and facilities require valuation at the full replacement cost in the same manner that the Corps is employing in its acquisition of certain Coast Guard property to be acquired by the Corps for this project.

Mr. PACKARD. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). Without objection, the previous question is ordered on the conference report.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the conference report.

Pursuant to clause 10 of rule XX, the yeas and nays are ordered.

Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on adoption of the conference report will be postponed.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will now put the question on each motion to suspend the rules and the question on adoption of a conference report on which further proceedings were postponed earlier today in the order in which that motion and question were entertained.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

H. Con. Res. 187, by the yeas and nays;

H. Con. Res. 140, by the yeas and nays;

S. 293, by the yeas and nays;

H.R. 202, by the yeas and nays;

The conference report to accompanying H.R. 2605, by the yeas and nays.

The Chair will reduce to 5 minutes the time for any electronic vote after the first such vote in the series.

SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING EUROPEAN COUNCIL NOISE RULE AFFECTING HUSHKITTED AND REENGINEED AIRCRAFT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and agreeing to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 187, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. DUNCAN) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 187, as amended, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 402, nays 2, not voting 29, as follows:

[Roll No. 448]

YEAS—402

Abercrombie	Cook	Goodlatte
Ackerman	Cooksey	Goodling
Aderholt	Costello	Gordon
Allen	Cox	Goss
Andrews	Coyne	Graham
Archer	Cramer	Granger
Army	Crane	Green (TX)
Bachus	Crowley	Green (WI)
Baird	Cubin	Greenwood
Baker	Cummings	Gutierrez
Baldacci	Cunningham	Gutknecht
Baldwin	Danner	Hall (OH)
Ballenger	Davis (FL)	Hall (TX)
Barcia	Davis (IL)	Hansen
Barr	Davis (VA)	Hastings (FL)
Barrett (NE)	Deal	Hastings (WA)
Barrett (WI)	DeFazio	Hayes
Bartlett	DeGette	Hayworth
Barton	Delahunt	Hefley
Bass	DeLauro	Herger
Bateman	DeLay	Hill (IN)
Becerra	DeMint	Hill (MT)
Bentsen	Deutsch	Hilleary
Bereuter	Diaz-Balart	Hilliard
Berkley	Dickey	Hinches
Berry	Dicks	Hinojosa
Biggart	Dingell	Hobson
Bilbray	Dixon	Hoeffel
Bilirakis	Doggett	Hoekstra
Blagojevich	Dooley	Holden
Bliley	Doolittle	Holt
Blumenauer	Doyle	Hooley
Blunt	Dreier	Horn
Boehlert	Duncan	Hostettler
Boehner	Dunn	Houghton
Bonilla	Edwards	Hoyer
Bono	Ehlers	Hulshof
Borski	Ehrlich	Hunter
Boswell	Emerson	Hyde
Boucher	Engel	Inslee
Boyd	English	Isakson
Brady (PA)	Eshoo	Jackson (IL)
Brady (TX)	Etheridge	Jackson-Lee
Brown (OH)	Evans	(TX)
Bryant	Everett	Jenkins
Burr	Ewing	John
Burton	Farr	Johnson, E. B.
Buyer	Filner	Johnson, Sam
Callahan	Fletcher	Jones (NC)
Calvert	Foley	Jones (OH)
Camp	Forbes	Kanjorski
Campbell	Ford	Kaptur
Canady	Fossella	Kasich
Capps	Fowler	Kelly
Capuano	Frank (MA)	Kennedy
Cardin	Franks (NJ)	Kildee
Castle	Frelinghuysen	Kilpatrick
Chabot	Frost	Kind (WI)
Chambliss	Galleghy	King (NY)
Clay	Ganske	Kingston
Clayton	Gejdenson	Klink
Clement	Gekas	Knollenberg
Clyburn	Gephardt	Kolbe
Coble	Gibbons	Kucinich
Coburn	Gilchrest	Kuykendall
Collins	Gillmor	LaFalce
Combust	Gilman	LaHood
Condit	Gonzalez	Lampson
Conyers	Goode	Lantos

Largent	Packard	Skelton
Latham	Pallone	Slaughter
LaTourette	Pascarell	Smith (MI)
Lazio	Pastor	Smith (TX)
Leach	Payne	Smith (WA)
Lee	Pease	Snyder
Levin	Pelosi	Souder
Lewis (CA)	Peterson (MN)	Spence
Lewis (GA)	Peterson (PA)	Spratt
Lewis (KY)	Petri	Stabenow
Linder	Phelps	Stark
Lipinski	Pickering	Stearns
LoBiondo	Pickett	Stenholm
Lofgren	Pitts	Strickland
Lowey	Pombo	Stump
Lucas (KY)	Pomeroy	Stupak
Lucas (OK)	Porter	Sununu
Luther	Portman	Talent
Maloney (NY)	Price (NC)	Tancredo
Manzullo	Quinn	Tanner
Markey	Radanovich	Tauscher
Martinez	Rahall	Tauzin
Matsui	Ramstad	Taylor (MS)
McCarthy (MO)	Rangel	Taylor (NC)
McCarthy (NY)	Regula	Terry
McCollum	Reyes	Thomas
McCrery	Reynolds	Thompson (CA)
McDermott	Rivers	Thompson (MS)
McGovern	Rodriguez	Thornberry
McHugh	Roemer	Thune
McInnis	Rogan	Thurman
McIntyre	Rogers	Tiahrt
McKeon	Rohrabacher	Tierney
McKinney	Ros-Lehtinen	Toomey
McNulty	Rothman	Trafficant
Meehan	Roukema	Turner
Meek (FL)	Roybal-Allard	Udall (CO)
Menendez	Royce	Udall (NM)
Metcalf	Rush	Upton
Mica	Ryan (WI)	Velazquez
Millender	Ryun (KS)	Vento
McDonald	Sabo	Visclosky
Miller (FL)	Salmon	Vitter
Miller, Gary	Sanchez	Walden
Minge	Sanders	Wamp
Mink	Sandlin	Waters
Moakley	Sanford	Watkins
Mollohan	Sawyer	Watt (NC)
Moore	Saxton	Watts (OK)
Moran (KS)	Schaffer	Waxman
Moran (VA)	Schakowsky	Weiner
Morella	Scott	Weldon (FL)
Murtha	Sensenbrenner	Weldon (PA)
Myrick	Serrano	Weller
Nadler	Sessions	Wexler
Napolitano	Shadegg	Weygand
Nethercutt	Shaw	Whitfield
Ney	Shays	Wicker
Northup	Sherman	Wilson
Nussle	Sherwood	Wise
Oberstar	Shimkus	Wolf
Obey	Shows	Woolsey
Oliver	Shuster	Wynn
Ortiz	Simpson	Young (AK)
Ose	Sisisky	Young (FL)
Oxley	Skeen	

NAYS—2

Chenoweth

Paul
NOT VOTING—29

Berman	Johnson (CT)	Owens
Bishop	Klecza	Pryce (OH)
Bonior	Larson	Riley
Brown (FL)	Maloney (CT)	Scarborough
Cannon	Mascara	Smith (NJ)
Carson	McIntosh	Sweeney
Fattah	Meeks (NY)	Towns
Hutchinson	Miller, George	Walsh
Istook	Neal	Wu
Jefferson	Norwood	

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So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the concurrent resolution, as amended, was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair announces that he will reduce to a minimum of 5 minutes the period of time within which a vote by electronic device may be taken on each additional motion to suspend the rules and question on which the Chair has postponed further proceedings.

SENSE OF THE CONGRESS THAT HAITI SHOULD CONDUCT FREE, FAIR, TRANSPARENT AND PEACEFUL ELECTIONS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and agreeing to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 140.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New York (Mr. GILMAN) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, House Concurrent Resolution 140, as amended, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 400, nays 1, answered “present” 1, not voting 31, as follows:

[Roll No. 449]

YEAS—400

Abercrombie	Calvert	Dixon
Ackerman	Camp	Doggett
Aderholt	Campbell	Dooley
Allen	Canady	Doolittle
Andrews	Capps	Doyle
Archer	Capuano	Dreier
Army	Cardin	Duncan
Bachus	Castle	Dunn
Baird	Chabot	Edwards
Baker	Chambliss	Ehlers
Baldacci	Chenoweth	Ehrlich
Baldwin	Clay	Emerson
Ballenger	Clayton	Engel
Barcia	Clement	English
Barrett (NE)	Clyburn	Eshoo
Barrett (WI)	Coble	Etheridge
Bartlett	Coburn	Evans
Barton	Collins	Everett
Bass	Combust	Ewing
Bateman	Condit	Farr
Becerra	Conyers	Filner
Bentsen	Cook	Fletcher
Bereuter	Cooksey	Foley
Berkley	Costello	Forbes
Berry	Cox	Ford
Biggart	Coyne	Fossella
Bilbray	Cramer	Fowler
Bilirakis	Crane	Frank (MA)
Blagojevich	Crowley	Franks (NJ)
Bliley	Cubin	Frelinghuysen
Blumenauer	Cummings	Frost
Blunt	Cunningham	Galleghy
Boehlert	Danner	Ganske
Boehner	Davis (FL)	Gansken
Bonilla	Davis (IL)	Gekas
Bono	Davis (VA)	Gephardt
Borski	Deal	Gibbons
Boswell	DeFazio	Gilchrest
Boucher	DeGette	Gillmor
Boyd	Delahunt	Gilman
Brady (PA)	DeLauro	Gonzalez
Brady (TX)	DeLay	Goode
Brown (OH)	DeMint	Goodlatte
Bryant	Deutsch	Goodling
Burr	Diaz-Balart	Gordon
Burton	Dickey	Goss
Buyer	Dicks	Graham
Callahan	Dingell	Granger