

## CHAPTER 313

## MULTIPURPOSE DAMS

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A JOINT RESOLUTION to urge requirement with approved soil conservation practices on land in the watershed of proposed United States Army Corps of Engineers multipurpose dams prior to construction of such dams.

WHEREAS, excessive siltation has lessened the flood control and recreational values of some multipurpose reservoirs now in existence in the state; and

WHEREAS, siltation has deteriorated the water quality and has threatened the anticipated life of existing multipurpose reservoirs; and

WHEREAS, the watershed program under Public Law 566 requires that seventy-five percent of the land above water impounding structures be subject to approved soil conservation practices before construction operations can begin; and

WHEREAS, there is evidence that the accumulation of chemical substances in reservoirs above multipurpose dams has been detrimental to some aquatic life and to some animals which feed upon aquatic life; and

WHEREAS, authoritative studies indicate that construction of some multipurpose dams would drastically disturb the ecological balance of the affected areas; and

WHEREAS, effective long-range land use programs would enhance benefits derived from our natural resources for future generations, NOW THEREFORE,

*Be It Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

1 SECTION 1. It is the policy of this state regarding construction of  
2 multipurpose dams in Iowa by the United States army corps of engi-  
3 neers that the United States army corps of engineers be advised that  
4 this state desires and urges that before any proposed plans for and  
5 construction of multipurpose dams are approved that seventy-five per-  
6 cent of the land in the affected watersheds be protected by soil conser-  
7 vation practices approved by the department of soil conservation and  
8 plans for such proposed dams should be in compliance with other cri-  
9 teria established by those public agencies of this state responsible for  
10 proper use of our natural resources.