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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

1 A Joint Resolution to require approved soil conservation prac-
2 tices on land in the watershed of proposed United States
3 army corps of engineers multipurpose dams prior to con-
4 struction of such dams.

5 WHEREAS, excessive siltation has lessened the flood con-
6 trol and recreational values of some multipurpose reservoirs
7 now in existence in the state; and

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

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

15 WHEREAS, there is evidence that the accumulation of chemi-
16 cal substances in reservoirs above multipurpose dams has been
17 detrimental to some aquatic life and to some animals which
18 feed upon aquatic life; and

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

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

25 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. It is the policy of this state regarding con-
2 struction of multipurpose dams in Iowa by the United States
3 army corps of engineers that state approval shall be with-
4 held for any proposed plans for the construction of multi-
5 purpose dams and that all activity shall be terminated on
6 any approved multipurpose dam projects which are not under
7 construction by July 1, 1973, until seventy-five percent of
8 the land in the affected watersheds is protected by soil
9 conservation practices approved by the department of soil
10 conservation and until plans for such proposed dams are in
11 compliance with other criteria established by those public
12 agencies of this state responsible for proper use of our
13 natural resources.

14 EXPLANATION

15 This joint resolution provides that state approval of any
16 multipurpose dam shall be withheld and that all activity on
17 any approved dam project which is not under construction by
18 July 1, 1973 shall be terminated until seventy-five percent
19 of the land in the affected watersheds is protected by soil
20 conservation practices approved by the department of soil
21 conservation.

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HOUSE AMENDMENT TO SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 4

1 Amend Senate Joint Resolution 4 as follows:

2 1. Page 2, by striking lines 1 through 13, inclu-
3 sive, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

4 "Section 1. It is the policy of this state regarding
5 construction of multipurpose dams in Iowa by the United
6 States army corps of engineers that the United States
7 army corps of engineers be advised that this state de-
8 sires and urges that before any proposed plans for and
9 construction of multipurpose dams are approved that
10 seventy-five percent of the land in the affected water-
11 sheds be protected by soil conservation practices
12 approved by the department of soil conservation and plans
13 for such proposed dams should be in compliance with other
14 criteria established by those public agencies of this
state
15 responsible for proper use of our natural resources."

16 2. Page 1, by striking line 1, and inserting in lieu
17 thereof the following:

18 "A Joint Resolution to urge requirement with approved
19 soil conservation prac-".

Senate concurred 3/23

Received from the House
March 22, 1973

H-158

1 Amend Senate Joint Resolution 4 as follows:
2 1. Page 2, by striking lines 1 through 13, inclu-
3 sive, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:
4 "Section 1. It is the policy of this state regard-
5 ing construction of multipurpose dams in Iowa by the
6 United States army corps of engineers that the United
7 State army corps of engineers be advised that this
8 state desires and urges that before any proposed plans
9 for and construction of multipurpose dams are approved
10 that seventy-five percent of the land in the affected
11 watersheds be protected by soil conservation practices
12 approved by the department of soil conservation and
13 plans for such proposed dams should be in compliance
14 with other criteria established by those public
15 agencies of this state responsible for proper use of
16 our natural resources."
17 2. Page 1, by striking line 1, and inserting in
18 lieu thereof the following:
19 "A Joint Resolution to urge requirement with
20 approved soil conservation prac-".

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By CONNORS of Polk

CORRECTED EXPLANATION

This joint resolution informs the United States army corps of engineers that this state desires and urges them to comply with soil conservation practices approved by the department of soil conservation before any proposed plans for and construction of multipurpose dams are approved by this state.