

BELOW IS A SUMMARY OF THE VOTES ON AMENDMENTS BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON WRRDA. H.R. 3080

1. Shuster (PA), Gibbs (OH), Rahall (WV), Bishop, Tim (NY) -APPROVED

(REVISED) MANAGERS Adds a new section that provides for expediting the completion of any on-going feasibility study for a project initiated prior to enactment and clarifies that the Corps of Engineers is authorized to move to preconstruction planning, engineering, and design activities immediately after completing a feasibility study. Amends Section 107 of H.R. 3080 to add a savings clause to ensure work carried out under an existing statute related to navigation that is repealed in H.R. 3080 can continue if initiated prior to enactment. Adds a new section providing non-Federal interests the ability to carry out work at their own expense for a project where a final feasibility report has been completed but has not received authorization from Congress. Requires the non-Federal interest to carryout work subject to any State or Federal permitting requirements and to carry out the project in accordance with the final feasibility report. Amends Section 120 of H.R. 3080 to request the Corps of Engineers to review the uses and economic feasibility of non-structural alternatives in their review of existing authorities for carrying out work after a storm event. Amends Section 102 of H.R. 3080 to add natural gas companies to the entities eligible to contribute funds to Corps of Engineers to expedite the processing of permits within the regulatory program of the Corps of Engineers. Makes other technical and conforming changes to H.R. 3080.

2. DeFazio (OR),Blumenauer (OR), Jackson Lee (TX), Pingree (ME), Edwards (MD), Bonamici (OR) - DEFEATED

Delays the application of environmental “streamlining” provisions in the bill until the Secretary certifies that there is sufficient funding to reduce the current backlog of authorized Corps projects to less than \$20 billion; more than \$40 billion in projects have already been authorized using existing environmental review processes, but have yet to receive funding for construction.

3. Flores (TX) - APPROVED

Prohibits programs or actions authorized under this Act from further implementation of coastal and marine spatial planning and ecosystem-based management components under Executive Order 13547. Requires the Secretary of the Army to conduct and submit a study detailing all activities engaged in and resources expended in furtherance of Executive Order 13547. The study also should include any budget requests for fiscal year 2014 for support of implementation of Executive Order 13547, and be submitted to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

4. Mullin, Markwayne (OK) – APPROVED

Specifies that due to ongoing drought in many parts of the United States, state agencies are finding it difficult to maintain Federal Energy Regulatory Commission-licensed lake levels. Not later than 180 days after enactment, FERC is to initiate an assessment of the effects of drought conditions on these lakes and report to Congress –specifically looking at existing FERC-licensed lakes with rule curves in areas of drought and the effect long-term licenses have on state agencies being able to meet all their obligations.

5. Young, Don (AK), Petri (WI) - DEFEATED

Requires USACE to contract with private sector surveying and mapping firms, wherever practical, in performance of surveying and mapping services and activities for Corps projects. Requires the Secretary to issue agency guidance to encourage use of the private sector for surveying and mapping services, and requires a process to provide oversight of the performance of compliance with the guidance.

6. Hastings, Alcee (FL) – DEFEATED

Includes operation and maintenance costs associated with sand transfer plants in the annual operations and maintenance budget of the Corps of Engineers.

7. Bentivolio, (MI) - DEFEATED

Seeks to increase the amount of backlogged projects to be de-authorized, beyond what is initially de-authorized in the bill from \$12,000,000,000 to \$35,000,000,000.

8. Jones (NC) - WITHDRAWN (to be discussed in conference)

Exempts the disaster restriction on projects which non-federal interests may contribute to.

9. Jackson Lee (TX) - APPROVED

Provides that in making recommendations pursuant to Section 118 of the Act, the Secretary shall consult with key stakeholders, including State, county, and city governments, and, where applicable, State and local water districts, and in the case of recommendations concerning projects that substantially affect underrepresented communities the Secretary shall also consult with historically Black colleges and universities, Tribal Colleges and Universities, and other minority-serving institutions.

10. Grimm (NY) - APPROVED

Modifies Section 118 to require the Secretary of the Army to include project recommendations made in the study for flood and storm damage reduction related to natural disasters under title II of division A of the Disaster Relief Appropriations Act, 2013 within the Secretary's Report to Congress on Future Water Resources Development.

11. Peters, Scott (CA) - APPROVED

Adds a subsection specifying that the Secretary of the Army coordinates with the Administrator of the FEMA to disseminate the emergency communication of risk to the public through widely used and readily available means.

12. Stutzman (IN) - APPROVED

Provides that the Secretary of the Army shall not require the removal of levee vegetation until the Corps of Engineers' policy guidelines on vegetation management for levees have been reviewed and adopted. Provides an exception for vegetation that presents an unacceptable safety risk.

13. Velázquez (NY) – DEFEATED

Establishes a national water-based freight policy to improve the movement of freight and cargo overwaterways, canals, ports, and harbors

14. Pierluisi (PR) – APPROVED

Adds Puerto Rico to the provision of law that would be updated for inflation by Section 137 and that authorizes the Secretary of the Army to waive local cost-sharing requirements up to a specified dollar amount for studies and projects in certain U.S. territories.

15. Cotton (AR) - APPROVED

Allows non-federal entities (regional authorities or municipalities) and the Army Corps of Engineers (ACE) to collaborate on a proposal to sell any excess water supply in order to address an oversupply of water resulting from the 1958 Water Supply Act. This would not authorize the Corps to actually sell the water or release the water from storage.

16. Richmond (LA), Scalise (LA) - APPROVED

Directs the Corps to calculate the national benefits of proposed flood protection projects, including benefits from a reduction in national and regional economic losses, as well as the protection of evacuation routes.

17. Hastings, Doc (WA) - APPROVED

#47 Ensures that Congress continue the practice of authorizing project purposes at Corps of Engineers dams or reservoirs.

18. McCollum (MN), Kelly (PA), Schneider (IL), Lipinski (IL) - APPROVED

Establishes a multiagency effort to slow the spread of Asian carp in the Upper Mississippi and Ohio River basins and tributaries by providing technical assistance, coordination, best practices, and support to State and local governments in carrying out such activities.

19. Thompson, Mike (CA), Benishek (MI), DeFazio (OR), Simpson (ID), Titus (NV) - APPROVED

Requires the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to conduct an assessment on the impacts of aquatic invasive species on federal assets and current federal spending on aquatic invasive species prevention.

20. Brownley (CA) - APPROVED

Requires the Army Corps to consider activities of the Secretary of the Navy when assessing the operation and maintenance needs of harbors and the equitable distribution of funds.

21. Lowenthal (CA) – APPROVED

Requires the Secretary to include ‘expanded uses’ of the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund in the assessments and prioritization of operations and maintenance reports to Congress.

22. Brownley (CA) – APPROVED

Requires GAO to study and report to Congress on the effectiveness of activities funded by the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund in maximizing economic growth and job creation in the communities surrounding low- and moderate-use ports; and include recommendations relating to the use of amounts in the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund to increase the competitiveness of United States ports relative to Canadian and Mexican ports.

23. Schneider (IL) - APPROVED

Expands congressional reporting requirements to include recommendations for mitigating current problems and limiting the construction backlog.

24. Gardner (CO) – WITHDRAWN (will work with Chairman on this issue)

Establishes the Office of Water Storage at the Army Corp of Engineers to serve as an initial point of contact for the acquisition or satisfaction of a Federal permit for a water storage facility.