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A BILL TO MODIFY THE PROJECT FOR FLOOD CONTROL, LITTLE CALUMET RIVER, INDIANA

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Mr. JEFFORDS, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, submitted the following

REPORT

[to accompany S. 2978]

[Including cost estimate of the Congressional Budget Office]

The Committee on Environment and Public Works, to which was referred a bill (S. 2978) to modify the project for flood control, Little Calumet River, Indiana, having considered the same reports favorably without amendment and recommends that the bill do pass.

GENERAL STATEMENT AND BACKGROUND

Projects and project modifications are ready for authorization by Congress after they have completed a reconnaissance and a feasibility study and received a positive recommendation from the Chief of Engineers in the form of a completed, signed Chief's Report. S. 2978 has completed these requirements. This bill modifies the project for flood control on the Little Calumet River in Indiana.

The Little Calumet River basin is located in Lake and Porter Counties in northwestern Indiana, and Cook and Will Counties in northeastern Illinois. The project involves a 22-mile reach of the River from the Illinois-Indiana State line eastward to its confluence with Lake Michigan near Gary, Indiana. This project will provide flood protection for 8,600 structures along the Little Calumet River in Indiana. The post-authorization change report for this project was completed in December 2000 and includes a positive recommendation. It provides for a revision to the project cost due to increases in the cost of construction and land acquisition and asso-

ciated increases in planning, design, management, construction management, and contingencies.

OBJECTIVES OF THE LEGISLATION

S. 2978 authorizes project modifications to the existing flood control project at the Little Calumet River.

SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS

Section 1. Modification of Flood Control Project, Little Calumet River, Indiana

S. 2978 authorizes the project modification at a total cost of \$187,000,000 with an estimated Federal cost of \$137,000,000 and an estimated non-Federal cost of \$50,000,000.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

Senators Bayh and Lugar introduced S. 2978 on September 19, 2002. The bill was referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. No hearing was held on the bill. The committee considered the bill in a business meeting on September 26, 2002 and ordered the bill reported to the Senate.

ROLLCALL VOTES

The Committee on Environment and Public Works met to consider S. 2978 on September 26, 2002. The committee favorably reported the bill by voice vote. Senators Smith and Voinovich recorded a “no” vote.

REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT

The bill does not create any additional regulatory burdens, nor will it cause any adverse impact on the personal privacy of individuals.

MANDATES ASSESSMENT

In compliance with the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (Public Law 104–4), the committee finds that S. 2978 would impose no unfunded mandates on State, local, or tribal governments.

COST OF LEGISLATION

Section 403 of the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act requires that a statement of the cost of the reported bill, prepared by the Congressional Budget Office, be included in the report. That statement follows:

U.S. CONGRESS,
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,
Washington, DC, October 7, 2002.

Hon. JAMES M. JEFFORDS, *Chairman,*
Committee on Environment and Public Works,
U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has prepared the enclosed cost estimate for S. 2978, a bill to modify the project for flood control, Little Calumet River, Indiana.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contact is Julie Middleton, who can be reached at 226–2860.

Sincerely,

DAN L. CRIPPEN.

S. 2978, A bill to modify the project for flood control, Little Calumet River, Indiana, as ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works on September 26, 2002

Summary

S. 2978 would increase the authorized level of funding for flood control projects on the Little Calumet River. The bill would authorize a total project cost of \$99.9 million (in 2001 dollars) that could be adjusted for inflation. Under this bill, the Federal share of the increased cost would be \$71.7 million and the nonFederal share would be \$28.2 million.

Assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that Federal costs for implementing this bill would total about \$70 million over the 2003–2007 period, including adjustments for anticipated inflation, and an additional \$10 million after that period. Enacting S. 2978 would not affect direct spending or revenues.

S. 2978 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no costs on State, local, or tribal governments. The Federal assistance authorized by this bill would benefit any State and local governments choosing to participate in this project. Any costs they would incur to comply with the conditions of this assistance, including matching requirements, would be voluntary.

Estimated Cost to the Federal Government

The estimated budgetary impact of S. 2978 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment).

By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION					
Estimated Authorization Level	15	15	16	16	18
Estimated Outlays	8	13	16	16	17

Basis of Estimate

For this estimate, CBO assumes that S. 2978 will be enacted near the beginning of fiscal year 2003 and that amounts will be appropriated to meet the anticipated construction schedule for the project. Based on information from the Army Corps of Engineers, CBO estimates that implementing this bill would cost about \$70 million over the 2003–2007 period, including adjustments for an-

ticipated inflation, and an additional \$10 million after that period. (Those amounts reflect the Federal share of the project's cost.)

Intergovernmental and Private-Sector Impact

S. 2978 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on State, local, or tribal governments. The Federal assistance authorized by this bill would benefit any State and local governments choosing to participate in this project. Any costs they would incur to comply with the conditions of this assistance, including matching requirements, would be voluntary.

Estimate Prepared By: Federal Costs: Julie Middleton; Impact on State, Local, and Tribal Governments: Marjorie Miller; Impact on the Private Sector: Lauren Marks.

Estimate Approved By: Peter H. Fontaine, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW

Section 12 of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate requires the committee to publish changes in existing law made by the bill as reported. Passage of this bill will make no changes to existing law.

