

Mr. MCHALE, Mr. PICKETT, Mr. SKELTON, Mr. ROHRBACHER, Mr. COX, Mr. LIVINGSTON, and Mr. YOUNG of Florida.

H.R. 1458: Mr. HEFNER.

H.R. 1460: Mr. KING, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. HEFLEY, Mr. MCCOLLUM, Mr. MINGE, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. UNDERWOOD, and Mr. SCHUMER.

H.R. 1468: Mr. HEFNER.

H.R. 1482: Mr. HEFNER.

H.R. 1487: Mr. WELLER, Mr. METCALF, Mr. ROYCE, and Mr. BONO.

H.R. 1496: Mr. BARTON of Texas.

H.R. 1499: Mr. JACOBS, Mrs. SEASTRAND, Ms. KAPTUR, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. STUPAK, Mr. CANADY, Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin, Mr. UPTON, Ms. LOFGREN, and Mr. NEY.

H.R. 1500: Ms. DELAURO, Mr. DIXON, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. GORDON, Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts, and Mr. LIPINSKI.

H.R. 1512: Mrs. CHENOWETH.

H.R. 1516: Mr. MINGE and Mr. POSHARD.

H.R. 1522: Mr. STARK and Mr. LEWIS of Georgia.

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H.R. 1533: Mr. BUYER, Mr. QUILLEN, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. GEKAS, Mr. GOODLATTE, Mr. FLANAGAN, Mr. FOLEY, Mr. HANCOCK, Mr. HILLEARY, Mrs. MYRICK, and Mr. DUNCAN.

H.R. 1547: Mr. OLVER.

H.R. 1555: Mr. DEUTSCH.

H.R. 1559: Mr. BROWN of California, Mr. FROST, Mr. KLECZKA, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mrs. SCHROEDER, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SPRATT, and Mr. STARK.

H.R. 1560: Mr. CHAPMAN, Mr. FROST, Mr. DELLUMS, Mr. MOAKLEY, Mr. MURTHA, and Mr. SABO.

H.J. Res. 48: Mr. BARTON of Texas.

H.J. Res. 74: Mr. ROYCE and Mr. SOUDER.

H.J. Res. 79: Mr. HAMILTON, Mr. KANJORSKI, Mr. LEWIS of California, Mr. ROEMER, and Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN.

H. Con. Res. 21: Ms. LOWEY and Ms. LOFGREN.

H. Con. Res. 25: Mr. SHAYS.

H. Con. Res. 35: Mr. MANTON.

H. Con. Res. 42: Mr. HAMILTON, Mr. TRAFICANT, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. KLINK, Mr. SISISKY, Mr. MEEHAN, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts, Mr. TORRES, and Mr. BROWN of Ohio.

H. Con. Res. 45: Mr. PASTOR, Mr. EVANS, Mr. ROMERO-BARCELÓ, Mr. CLINGER, and Mr. ACKERMAN.

H. Con. Res. 50: Mr. SISISKY, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. MEEHAN.

H. Con. Res. 54: Mr. KLINK.

H. Con. Res. 63: Mr. BARTON of Texas, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. ZIMMER, and Mr. JONES.

H. Con. Res. 64: Mr. TRAFICANT.

H. Res. 122: Mr. DEFazio and Mr. SERRANO.

H. Res. 124: Mr. ANDREWS, Ms. MCKINNEY, and Mr. TORRES.

H. Res. 138: Mr. SHAYS, Mr. HERGER, Mr. SMITH of Texas, and Mr. LARGENT.

DELETIONS OF SPONSORS FROM PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 4 of rule XXII, sponsors were deleted from public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 743: Mr. FATTAH.

H.J. Res. 87: Mr. SALMON.

PETITIONS, ETC.

Under clause 1 of rule XXII.

20. The SPEAKER presented a petition of the Alexandria City Council, Alexandria, VA, relative to welfare reform; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

AMENDMENTS

Undr clause 6 of rule XXIII, proposed amendments were submitted as follow:

H.R. 961

OFFERED BY: MR. BACHUS

AMENDMENT NO. 1: Page 146, line 21, after the period insert the following:

At a minimum, the term 'small business' shall include a corporation, partnership, unincorporated business, and sole proprietorship employing 100 or fewer full time employees.

H.R. 961

OFFERED BY: MR. BACHUS

AMENDMENT NO. 2: Page 213, after line 5, insert the following:

SEC. 507. FEDERAL POWER ACT PART I PROJECTS.

Section 511(a) (33 U.S.C. 1371(a)) is amended by striking “, or (3)” and inserting the following: “; (3) applying to hydropower projects within the jurisdiction of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission or its successors under the authority of part I of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 791 et seq.); except that water quality certification, unless waived or denied, shall be issued for such projects under section 401 and the water quality conditions in those certifications shall become conditions on project licenses and except that any water quality certification conditions or denial issued under section 401 shall be limited to consideration of narrative and numeric water quality criteria adopted in water quality standards under section 303 and such conditions shall not regulate, or such denial be based on, water use or water quantities; or (4)”.

Renumber subsequent sections of the bill and conform the table of contents of the bill accordingly.

H.R. 961

OFFERED BY: MR. BOEHLERT

AMENDMENT NO. 3: Page 239, strike line 3 and all that follows through line 22 on page 322 and insert the following:

TITLE VIII—WETLANDS CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT

SEC. 801. SHORT TITLE.

This title may be cited as the “Wetlands and Watershed Management Act of 1995”.

SEC. 802. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds and declares the following:

(1) Wetlands perform a number of valuable functions needed to restore and maintain the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of the Nation's waters, including—

(A) reducing pollutants (including nutrients, sediment, and toxics) from nonpoint and point sources;

(B) storing, conveying, and purifying flood and storm waters;

(C) reducing both bank erosion and wave and storm damage to adjacent lands and trapping sediment from upland sources;

(D) providing habitat and food sources for a broad range of commercial and recreational fish, shellfish, and migratory wildlife species (including waterfowl and endangered species); and

(E) providing a broad range of recreational values for canoeing, boating, birding, and nature study and observation.

(2) Original wetlands in the contiguous United States have been reduced by an estimated 50 percent and continue to disappear at a rate of 200,000 to 300,000 acres a year. Many of these original wetlands have also been altered or partially degraded, reducing their ecological value.

(3) Wetlands are highly sensitive to changes in water regimes and are, therefore, susceptible to degradation by fills, drainage, grading, water extractions, and other activi-

ties within their watersheds which affect the quantity, quality, and flow of surface and ground waters. Protection and management of wetlands, therefore, should be integrated with management of water systems on a watershed basis. A watershed protection and management perspective is also needed to understand and reverse the gradual, continued destruction of wetlands that occurs due to cumulative impacts.

(4) Wetlands constitute an estimated 5 percent of the Nation's surface area. Because much of this land is in private ownership wetlands protection and management strategies must take into consideration private property rights and the need for economic development and growth. This can be best accomplished in the context of a cooperative and coordinated Federal, State, and local strategy for data gathering, planning, management, and restoration with an emphasis on advance planning of wetlands in watershed contexts.

(b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this Act are—

(1) to help create a coordinated national wetland management effort with efficient use of scarce Federal, State, and local financial and manpower resources to protect wetland functions and values and reduce natural hazard losses;

(2) to help reverse the trend of wetland loss in a fair, efficient, and cost-effective manner;

(3) to reduce inconsistencies and duplication in Federal, State, and local wetland management efforts and encourage integrated permitting at the Federal, State, and local levels;

(4) to increase technical assistance, cooperative training, and educational opportunities for States, local governments, and private landowners;

(5) to help integrate wetland protection and management with other water resource management programs on a watershed basis such as flood control, storm water management, allocation of water supply, protection of fish and wildlife, and point and nonpoint source pollution control;

(6) to increase regionalization of wetland delineation and management policies within a framework of national policies through advance planning of wetland areas, programmatic general permits and other approaches and the tailoring of policies to ecosystem and land use needs to reflect significant watershed variance in wetland resources;

(7) to address the cumulative loss of wetland resources;

(8) to increase the certainty and predictability of planning and regulatory policies for private landowners;

(9) to help achieve no overall net loss and net gain of the remaining wetland base of the United States through watershed-based restoration strategies involving all levels of government;

(10) to restore and create wetlands in order to increase the quality and quantity of the wetland resources and by so doing to restore and maintain the quality and quantity of the waters of the United States; and

(11) to provide mechanisms for joint State, Federal, and local development and testing of approaches to better protect wetland resources such as mitigation banking.

SEC. 803. STATE, LOCAL, AND LANDOWNER TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND COOPERATIVE TRAINING.

(a) STATE AND LOCAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—Upon request, the Administrator, or the Secretary of the Army, as appropriate, shall provide technical assistance to State and local governments in the development and implementation of State and local government permitting programs under sections