

109TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 6428

To authorize the Secretary of the Army to carry out certain elements of the project for hurricane and storm damage reduction, Morganza to the Gulf of Mexico, Louisiana.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 8, 2006

Mr. BAKER (for himself and Mr. MELANCON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

DECEMBER 8, 2006

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure discharged; which was considered and passed

A BILL

To authorize the Secretary of the Army to carry out certain elements of the project for hurricane and storm damage reduction, Morganza to the Gulf of Mexico, Louisiana.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. MORGANZA TO THE GULF OF MEXICO, LOU-**
4 **ISIANA.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Army may
6 carry out the following elements of the project for hurri-
7 cane and storm damage reduction, Morganza to the Gulf

1 of Mexico, Louisiana, substantially in accordance with the
2 report of the Chief of Engineers, dated August 23, 2002,
3 and the supplemental report dated July 22, 2003:

4 (1) The Houma Lock feature of the project.

5 (2) The Reach H-3, Reach J-2, Bush Canal
6 floodgate, Point aux Chene floodgate, Reach H-2,
7 Reach J-3, Reach J-1, and Placid Canal structural
8 elements of the project

9 (b) CREDIT.—The Secretary shall credit toward the
10 non-Federal share of the cost of the project elements the
11 cost of design and construction work carried out by the
12 non-Federal interest before the date of the partnership
13 agreement for the project elements if the Secretary deter-
14 mines that the work is integral to the project elements.

15 (c) OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE.—The operation,
16 maintenance, repair, rehabilitation, and replacement of
17 the Houma Navigation Canal lock complex and the Gulf
18 Intracoastal Waterway floodgate features that provide for
19 inland waterway transportation shall be a Federal respon-
20 sibility, in accordance with the feasibility report dated
21 March 2002 and section 102 of the Water Resources De-
22 velopment Act of 1986 (33 U.S.C. 2212).

23 (d) NAVIGATIONAL CONSISTENCY.—The Secretary
24 shall maintain the Houma Navigation Canal at dimensions
25 at least equal to those of the lock identified in subsection

- 1 (c). The Houma Lock feature shall be implemented under
- 2 an exclusive partnership agreement.

○