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H. R. 2310

To amend the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 to require the Secretary of the Army to consider the loss of life which may be associated with flooding and coastal storm events in the formulation and evaluation of flood control projects to be carried out by the Secretary.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 27, 1993

Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey (for himself, Ms. SHEPHERD, Mr. GALLO, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. SAXTON, Mr. JEFFERSON, and Mr. MICA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Public Works and Transportation

A BILL

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Preservation of Life
5 Through Water Resources Planning Act of 1993”.

1 **SEC. 2. LOSS OF LIFE PREVENTION.**

2 Section 904 of the Water Resources Development Act
3 of 1986 (33 U.S.C. 2281) is amended to read as follows:

4 **“SEC. 904. MATTERS TO BE ADDRESSED IN PLANNING.**

5 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Enhancing national economic
6 development (including benefits to particular regions of
7 the Nation not involving the transfer of economic activity
8 to such regions from other regions), the quality of the total
9 environment (including preservation and enhancement of
10 the environment), and the prevention of loss of life shall
11 each be considered equally in the formulation and evalua-
12 tion of water resources projects to be carried out by the
13 Secretary, and associated benefits and costs, both quan-
14 tifiable and unquantifiable, shall be displayed in the bene-
15 fits and costs of such projects.

16 “(b) ADDITIONAL MATTERS.—In addition to the
17 matters described in subsection (a), the Secretary shall
18 consider the well-being of the people of the United States
19 and the preservation of cultural and historical values in
20 the formulation and evaluation of water resources projects
21 to be carried out by the Secretary.

22 “(c) LOSS OF LIFE PREVENTION.—In computing the
23 benefits and costs of a flood control project to be carried
24 out by the Secretary, the Secretary shall consider the loss
25 of life which may be associated with flooding and coastal
26 storm events. For such purposes, the Secretary shall quan-

- 1 tify, in monetary terms and using reasonable methods, a
- 2 fair value on the preservation of human life.”.

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