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S. 336

To require the Secretary of the Army to operate and maintain as a system the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal dispersal barriers, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. BAYH, Mr. KOHL, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. LUGAR) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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 “Barrier Project Con-
5 solidation and Construction Act of 2007”.

6 **SEC. 2. CONSOLIDATION OF BARRIER PROJECTS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Chicago Sanitary and Ship
8 Canal Dispersal Barrier Project (referred to in this Act

1 as “Barrier I”) (as in existence on the date of enactment
2 of this Act), constructed as a demonstration project under
3 section 1202(i)(3) of the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance
4 Prevention and Control Act of 1990 (16 U.S.C.
5 4722(i)(3)), and the project relating to the Chicago Sani-
6 tary and Ship Canal Dispersal Barrier, as authorized by
7 section 345 of the District of Columbia Appropriations
8 Act, 2005 (Public Law 108–335; 118 Stat. 1352) (re-
9 ferred to in this Act as “Barrier II”), shall be considered
10 to constitute a single project.

11 (b) ACTIVITIES RELATING TO BARRIER I AND BAR-
12 RIER II.—

13 (1) DUTIES OF SECRETARY OF THE ARMY.—

14 The Secretary of the Army (referred to in this Act
15 as the “Secretary”) shall, at full Federal expense—

16 (A) upgrade and make permanent Barrier
17 I;

18 (B) construct Barrier II, notwithstanding
19 the project cooperation agreement with the
20 State of Illinois dated June 14, 2005;

21 (C) operate and maintain Barrier I and
22 Barrier II as a system to optimize effectiveness;

23 (D) conduct, in consultation with appro-
24 priate Federal, State, local, and nongovern-
25 mental entities, a study of a full range of op-

1 tions and technologies for reducing impacts of
2 hazards that may reduce the efficacy of the
3 Barriers; and

4 (E) provide to each State a credit in an
5 amount equal to the amount of funds contrib-
6 uted by the State toward Barrier II.

7 (2) APPLICATION OF CREDIT.—A State may
8 apply a credit received under paragraph (1)(E) to
9 any cost-sharing responsibility for an existing or fu-
10 ture Federal project with the Corps of Engineers in
11 the State.

12 (c) FEASIBILITY STUDY.—The Secretary, in con-
13 sultation with appropriate Federal, State, local, and non-
14 governmental entities, shall conduct a feasibility study, at
15 full Federal expense, of the range of options and tech-
16 nologies available to prevent the spread of aquatic nui-
17 sance species between the Great Lakes and Mississippi
18 River Basins through the Chicago Sanitary and Ship
19 Canal and other aquatic pathways.

20 (d) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 345 of the
21 District of Columbia Appropriations Act, 2005 (Public
22 Law 108–335; 118 Stat. 1352) is amended to read as fol-
23 lows:

24 “SEC. 345. There are authorized to be appropriated
25 such sums as are necessary to carry out the Barrier II

1 project of the project for the Chicago Sanitary and Ship
2 Canal Dispersal Barrier, Illinois, initiated pursuant to sec-
3 tion 1135 of the Water Resources Development Act of
4 1986 (33 U.S.C. 2309a).”.

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