

116TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 5288

To amend the Water Resources Development Act of 1999 to direct the Secretary of the Army to develop a plan to address water resource problems in the Upper Mississippi River Basin, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 3, 2019

Mr. LUETKEMEYER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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 “Upper Mississippi
5 River Flood Control Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.**

7 Section 459 of the Water Resources Development Act
8 of 1999 (33 U.S.C. 652 note) is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (b)—

2 (A) in paragraph (2), by striking “and”;

3 (B) in paragraph (3), by striking the pe-
4 riod at the end and inserting a semicolon; and

5 (C) after paragraph (3), by adding at the
6 end the following:

7 “(4) include determinations (based on imple-
8 mentation studies) as to whether the projects rec-
9 ommended under paragraphs (1) through (3) are eli-
10 gible for funding under the Water Infrastructure Fi-
11 nance and Innovation Act of 2014 (33 U.S.C. 3901
12 et seq.); and

13 “(5) include recommendations on funding alter-
14 natives through public private partnerships for
15 projects recommended under paragraphs (1) through
16 (3), including—

17 “(A) the Federal cost share for non-
18 structural improvements and easement costs;
19 and

20 “(B) the State and local cost share for
21 structural improvements.”;

22 (2) in subsection (c)—

23 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “; and”
24 at the end and inserting “, the Governors of the
25 States within the Upper Mississippi and Illinois

1 River basins, representatives of the appropriate
2 levee and drainage districts, representatives of
3 nonprofit organizations, agricultural stake-
4 holders, and other interested parties;”;

5 (B) in paragraph (2)—

6 (i) by striking “on the date of enact-
7 ment of this Act”; and

8 (ii) by striking the period at the end
9 and inserting “; and”; and

10 (C) by adding at the end the following:

11 “(3) coordinate with the Secretary of Agri-
12 culture to provide assistance under section 3A(a) of
13 the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act
14 (16 U.S.C. 1003a(a)) to local jurisdictions affected
15 by flooding.”; and

16 (3) in subsection (e), by striking “3 years after
17 the first date on which funds are appropriated to
18 carry out this section” and inserting “January 1,
19 2021”.

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