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H. R. 2432

To provide for a feasibility study before carrying out any Federal action relating to the Chicago Area Water System.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. VISCLOSKY (for himself, Mr. PENCE, Mr. YOUNG of Indiana, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Mr. DONNELLY of Indiana, Mr. BUCSHON, Mr. ROKITA, Mr. HULTGREN, Mrs. BIGGERT, Mr. STUTZMAN, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, and Mr. KINZINGER of Illinois) 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. DEFINITIONS.**

4 In this Act:

5 (1) CAWS.—The term “CAWS” means the
6 Chicago Area Water System.

7 (2) ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT.—The term
8 “economic impact statement” means the economic
9 impact statement described in section 2(b).

1 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
2 the Secretary of the Army, acting through the Chief
3 of Engineers.

4 **SEC. 2. DUTY TO ASSESS THE IMPACT OF FEDERAL ACTION**
5 **ON JOBS AND COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Prior to any major Federal ac-
7 tion, as determined by the Secretary, to prevent the intro-
8 duction or establishment of a population of aquatic nui-
9 sance species between the Great Lakes and the Mississippi
10 River Basins that would impact the flow of commerce or
11 commercial activity within the CAWS, the Secretary shall
12 prepare an economic impact statement as described in
13 subsection (b).

14 (b) ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT.—

15 (1) CONTENTS.—An economic impact state-
16 ment required under subsection (a) shall include a
17 detailed statement by the Secretary relating to—

18 (A) the impact of the proposed action on
19 the flow of commerce and commercial activity;

20 (B) the impact of the proposed action on
21 jobs and job opportunities, including an assess-
22 ment of the quantity of jobs that would be lost
23 and gained as a result of the proposed action;

1 (C) any adverse economic effects that
2 could not be avoided if the proposal is imple-
3 mented;

4 (D) the alternatives to the proposed action,
5 including a cost-benefit analysis of each alter-
6 native; and

7 (E) the relationship between any local
8 short-term impacts on commerce or commercial
9 activity and maintenance and enhancement of
10 long-term productivity and environmental val-
11 ues.

12 (2) CONSULTATION.—

13 (A) IN GENERAL.—Prior to preparing an
14 economic impact statement, the Secretary shall
15 consult with and obtain the comments of—

16 (i) any Federal or State agency that
17 has jurisdiction by law or special expertise
18 with respect to any of the activities de-
19 scribed in paragraph (1);

20 (ii) communities affected by the pro-
21 posed Federal action described in sub-
22 section (a); and

23 (iii) any other stakeholders.

24 (B) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.—A copy of
25 each statement and any comments or views ob-

1 tained as a result of the consultation under sub-
2 paragraph (A) shall—

3 (i) be made available on a publicly ac-
4 cessible Internet site; and

5 (ii) accompany the proposal described
6 in subsection (a) through the applicable
7 Federal agency review process.

8 (3) ~~COMBINING ENVIRONMENTAL AND ECO-~~
9 ~~NOMIC IMPACT STATEMENTS.~~—An economic impact
10 statement under this Act may be combined with a
11 detailed statement of environmental impacts re-
12 quired to be prepared under the National Environ-
13 mental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.).

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