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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 11, 1996

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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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. ACQUISITION OF EASEMENTS OVER LAND**

4 **NEAR JAMES RIVER, SOUTH DAKOTA.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Army shall
6 acquire, from willing sellers, permanent flowage and satu-
7 ration easements over land that is located within the 10-
8 year floodplain of the James River, South Dakota.

1 (b) SCOPE.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—The easements acquired by
3 the Secretary of the Army under subsection (a) shall
4 include the right, power, and privilege of the Federal
5 Government to submerge, overflow, percolate, and
6 saturate the surface and subsurface of the land and
7 such other terms and conditions as the Secretary of
8 the Army considers appropriate.

9 (2) HAYING AND GRAZING.—The Secretary of
10 the Army shall permit haying and grazing on the
11 land subject to the easements.

12 (c) PAYMENT.—In acquiring the easements under
13 subsection (a), the Secretary of the Army shall pay an
14 amount based on the unaffected fee value of the land sub-
15 ject to the easements. For the purpose of this subsection,
16 the unaffected fee value of the land is the value that the
17 land would have if the land were unaffected by rising
18 ground water and surface flooding associated with the
19 James River.

20 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
21 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
22 \$40,000,000, to remain available until expended.

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