

106TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 3395

To establish certain procedures regarding the appointment and tenure of persons to the International St. Lawrence River Board of Control established by the International Joint Commission under the Boundary Waters Treaty of 1909.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 16, 1999

Mr. McHUGH 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. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO INTER-**

4 **NATIONAL ST. LAWRENCE RIVER BOARD OF**

5 **CONTROL.**

6 The following shall apply to persons who serve on the

7 United States section of the International River Board of

1 Control established by the International Joint Commission
2 under the Order of Approval for Regulation of Lake On-
3 tario:

4 (1) TERMS.—A term of a member of the Board
5 of Control may not exceed 2 years, and a person
6 may not serve more than 2 consecutive terms. Mem-
7 bers shall be appointed so that the terms do not ter-
8minate in the same year.

9 (2) APPOINTMENT.—(A) Persons under consid-
10eration for appointment to the Board of Control
11shall be announced publicly and should be appointed
12only after an opportunity has been given to the pub-
13lic to submit comments on the candidates for ap-
14pointment.

15 (B) A person must be approved as a member of
16the Board of Control by a recorded vote of a major-
17ity of the members of the International Joint Com-
18mission.

19 (C) The vote must be held in open session.

20 **SEC. 2. PROCEDURES APPLICABLE TO OTHER BOARDS.**

21 The procedures set forth in section 1 shall apply to
22 any other board or similar body established by the Inter-
23 national Joint Commission to carry out instructions of the
24 Joint Commission with respect to its functions under the
25 Treaty.

1 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

2 In this Act:

3 (1) INTERNATIONAL JOINT COMMISSION; JOINT
4 COMMISSION.—The terms “International Joint Com-
5 mission” and “Joint Commission” mean the Inter-
6 national Joint Commission established under the
7 Treaty Between the United States and Great Britain
8 Relating to Boundary Waters, and Questions Arising
9 Between the United States and Canada, of January
10 11, 1909.

11 (2) TREATY.—The term “Treaty” means the
12 treaty described in paragraph (1).

13 (3) ORDER OF APPROVAL FOR REGULATION OF
14 LAKE ONTARIO.—The term “Order of Approval for
15 Regulation of Lake Ontario” means the order of Ap-
16 proval for Regulation of Lake Ontario, issued by the
17 Joint Commission on October 29, 1952, as amended
18 by a supplementary order of the Joint Commission
19 on July 2, 1956.

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