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To reduce flood losses.

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Mr. KIND (for himself, Mr. LEACH, Mr. LUTHER, Mr. GILCREST, Ms. McCOLLUM, Mr. GUTKNECHT, Mr. EVANS, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. BOSWELL, Mr. HULSHOF, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. POMEROY, Mr. PETRI, Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon, Mr. ETHERIDGE, Mr. BLUMENAUER, and Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

To reduce flood losses.

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; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
5 “Flood Loss Reduction Act of 2001”.

6 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents of
7 this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

Sec. 2. Findings and purposes.

Sec. 3. Flood loss reduction study.

Sec. 4. Flood mitigation.

Sec. 5. Hazard mitigation.

Sec. 6. Flood loss reduction prioritization.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.**

2 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

3 (1) Flood losses threaten the economic future of
4 floodplain communities.

5 (2) Postflood hazard mitigation reduces flood
6 losses, improves water quality, provides opportunities
7 for recreation, and enhances wildlife habitat.

8 (3) Federal efforts to reduce flood losses are
9 poorly coordinated.

10 (b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this Act are the fol-
11 lowing:

12 (1) To develop a coordinated flood loss reduc-
13 tion strategy for the Upper Mississippi River flood-
14 plain.

15 (2) To expand efforts to relocate, elevate, and
16 flood-proof homes before and after disaster strikes.

17 (3) To prioritize Federal efforts to reduce flood
18 losses.

19 **SEC. 3. FLOOD LOSS REDUCTION STUDY.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 459 of the Water Re-
21 sources Development Act of 1999 (33 U.S.C. 652 note;
22 113 Stat. 332–333) is amended by striking subsections
23 (a) and (b) and inserting the following:

1 “(a) FLOOD LOSS REDUCTION PLAN.—Not later
2 than the last day of the 6-month period beginning on the
3 date of enactment of the Flood Loss Reduction Act of
4 2001, the Secretary and the Director of the Federal Emer-
5 gency Management Agency shall collaboratively develop, in
6 consultation with local and state interests, a plan to re-
7 duce flood losses in the Upper Mississippi River floodplain,
8 including consideration of structural and nonstructural
9 measures.”.

10 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Such section is fur-
11 ther amended by redesignating subsections (c), (d), and
12 (e) as subsections (b), (c), and (d), respectively.

13 **SEC. 4. FLOOD MITIGATION.**

14 (a) FUNDING.—Section 212(i)(1) of the Water Re-
15 sources Development Act of 1999 (33 U.S.C. 2332(i)(1);
16 113 Stat. 291) is amended to read as follows:

17 “(1) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be
18 appropriated \$100,000,000 to carry out this section
19 for fiscal years 2002 through 2010.”.

20 (b) PRIORITY AREAS.—Section 212(e) of such Act
21 (33 U.S.C. 2332(e)) is amended—

22 (1) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph
23 (27);

24 (2) by striking the period at the end of para-
25 graph (28) and inserting “; and”; and

1 (3) by adding at the end the following:

2 “(29) LaCrosse County, Wisconsin;

3 “(30) Crawford County, Wisconsin;

4 “(31) Buffalo County, Wisconsin;

5 “(32) Calhoun County, Illinois;

6 “(33) Saint Charles County, Missouri;

7 “(34) Saint Louis County, Missouri;

8 “(35) Dubuque County, Iowa;

9 “(36) Scott County, Iowa; and

10 “(37) Rock Island County, Illinois.”.

11 **SEC. 5. HAZARD MITIGATION**

12 (a) **LIMITATION ON TOTAL AMOUNT OF FEDERAL**
13 **CONTRIBUTIONS.**—Section 404(a) of the Robert T. Staf-
14 ford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42
15 U.S.C. 5170c(a)) is amended by striking “15 percent of
16 the estimated aggregate amount of grants to be made (less
17 any associated administrative costs)” and inserting “25
18 percent of the estimated aggregate amount of grants to
19 be made”.

20 (b) **INCREASED FEDERAL SHARE.**—Section
21 322(e)(1) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and
22 Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5165(e)(1)) is
23 amended by striking “20 percent” and inserting “30 per-
24 cent.”

1 **SEC. 6. FLOOD LOSS REDUCTION PRIORITIZATION**

2 The Secretary of the Army and the Director of the
3 Federal Emergency Management Agency shall develop
4 and annually update, rank, and list authorized flood dam-
5 age reduction and predisaster hazard mitigation projects
6 according to the extent to which projects address repetitive
7 loss structures, include nonstructural features, and restore
8 natural rivers and floodplain and shall annually publish
9 the list in the Federal Register.

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