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ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATION  
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Mr. JOHNSTON, from the Committee on Appropriations,  
submitted the following

REPORT

(To accompany H.R. 2427)

The Committee on Appropriations, to which was referred the bill (H.R. 2427) making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1992, and for other purposes, reports the same to the Senate with various amendments and presents herewith information relative to the changes recommended:

AMOUNT IN NEW BUDGET (OBLIGATIONAL) AUTHORITY, FISCAL  
YEAR 1992

Amount of bill as passed by the House.....	\$21,494,999,000
Budget estimates considered by House.....	21,609,828,000
Budget estimates considered by Senate.....	21,609,828,000
Amount of bill as reported to the Senate.....	21,984,482,000
The bill as reported to the Senate—	
Over the budget estimate, 1992.....	+ 374,654,000
Over the House-passed bill.....	+ 489,483,000

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The Secretary is sufficient to permit free disposal of the balance of the project, provided, however, that the increment of the project shall be consistent with the long-term management strategy

After consulting with the Administration, that disposal shall be completed in time to permit the deepening of the Oakland Harbor project, acting through the Secretary, to dredge the Oakland Harbor to a depth of 38 feet, and dispose of that material in a suitable manner for marine disposal as necessary. At the currently permitted Alcatraz disposal site, the disposal of such materials shall be consistent with the management of the Alcatraz site. If the Corps exercises this option, it shall be consistent with the National Environmental Policy Act and the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, and Federal and State law.

The Corps of Engineers to initiate the design and environmental work necessary for the so-called Sonoma Bay wetland restoration project. The project is projected to have the capacity to dispose of 2 million cubic yards of dredge material, alternative dredge disposal site for the bay area in general.

**Bank erosion problems.**—The Committee is in support of the need for streambank erosion control in the vicinity of Owensboro, KY, and is authorized to use the funds under the section 14 Streambank Erosion Control Act to address the problem.

**Hurricane protection, LA.**—The Committee is in support of the emergency protective works constructed by the Corps of Engineers' Grand Isle project. The Committee has included language in the bill to reimburse the town of Grand Isle for the costs of the works carried out by the town in connection with the project.

**Wetland restoration, LA.**—As previously recognized in the reference report for the Water Resources Planning Act, the original barrier plan did not address the Lake Pontchartrain tidal basin. The issues must be resolved in completing the project. Under consideration is the construction of the outfall canals at London and Ormond. The issues surrounding the tidal basin/out-

fall canals, which must be able to function during a major storm or hurricane. These outfall canals are an integral part of the overall New Orleans area flood protection plan and the existing parallel protection levees need to be raised to levels sufficient to confine the standard project hurricane and to function properly in their normal and traditional manner.

The Committee does not believe it was the intent of Congress in authorizing this project to compound flooding or drainage problems in the city of New Orleans. Therefore, the Committee has included language in the bill that directs the Corps to treat the outfall canals as an authorized project feature of the overall hurricane protection project, and further directs the Corps to raise the levees along the entire lengths of the London Avenue and Orleans Avenue canals to grades sufficient to confine a standard project hurricane with costs to be borne by both the Federal and local assuring authorities in accordance with the cost-sharing arrangement of 70 percent Federal cost participation and 30 percent local cost participation.

The Committee recommends an extension of the date upon which the non-Federal sponsors, the Lake Borgne basin levee district, LA, would resume repayment responsibilities for the St. Bernard Parish portion of this project until December 1992 to allow the Congress and the Corps the appropriate time to evaluate the study of expected benefits as authorized in Public Law 101-640, section 116(k), of the Water Resources Development Act of 1990.

**Ouachita River levees, LA.**—The Committee provided \$400,000 for the current year for the Ouachita River levees project in Louisiana for the Corps of Engineers to initiate work to rehabilitate or replace deteriorated drainage structures in the levees, including the Bawcomville portion of the protective system. The Committee understands that the Corps has sufficient funds available to allow the project to proceed with design and construction of project features.

Again, it is the Committee's opinion that the project should proceed in an orderly, but expeditious manner. If additional resources are needed to maintain schedules, the Corps is directed to reprogram the necessary funds to accomplish the required work.

**Red River Waterway, Mississippi River to Shreveport, LA.**—The Committee has included a total of \$123,681,000 to continue construction of the Red River Waterway project in Louisiana. The additional funds have been provided to continue construction of locks and dams 4 and 5, and to initiate the following continuing contracts in fiscal year 1991 which are not to be considered fully funded: Carroll Capout, Cupples Capout, Sunny Point revetment and dikes, Curtis revetment, and Eagle Bend revetment extending from approximately mile 274.5 to mile 269; and to continue McDade revetment, Moss revetment, Elm Grove revetment, and Cecile revetment. The Committee recommendation includes up to \$1,000,000 for planning and acquisition of mitigation lands in the vicinity of Bayou Bodcau area for the mitigation of fish and wildlife losses.

**Missouri National Recreation River, NE and SD.**—The Committee understands that the Corps of Engineers is currently involved in a section 7, Endangered Species Act consultation with the U.S.