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The House met at 10 a.m.

Rev. Kenneth P. Rogers, pastor, Lewisville Bible Church, Lewisville, TX, offered the following prayer:

Our Father in heaven, holy is Your name.

You are the Sovereign Lord of the universe, the Creator, the God of our Founding Fathers, the One who sent His Son to die for our sins and to rise again that we might have eternal life through faith in Him.

We ask for wisdom for the activities and decisions that are made here today. Guide and bless these men and women who have been sent here by the people of the States that they represent. Bless their families with love and peace.

May this Congress pass laws that will strengthen families, strengthen the spiritual and moral fiber of our Nation, and contribute to unity, justice, and peace.

Lord, what we do matters to You.

In the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. PORTMAN led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all. CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 3816, ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOP-MENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1997

Mr. MYERS of Indiana submitted the following conference report and statement on the bill (H.R. 3816) making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes.

CONFERENCE REPORT (H. REPT. 104-782)

The Committee of Conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3816) "making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes," having met, after full and free conference, have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the matter stricken and inserted by said amendment insert:

That the following sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, for energy and water development, and for other purposes, namely:

TITLE I

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE—CIVIL DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

CORPS OF ENGINEERS-CIVIL

The following appropriations shall be expended under the direction of the Secretary of the Army and the supervision of the Chief of Engineers for authorized civil functions of the Department of the Army pertaining to rivers and harbors, flood control, beach erosion, and related purposes.

GENERAL INVESTIGATIONS

For expenses necessary for the collection and study of basic information pertaining to river and harbor, flood control, shore protection, and related projects, restudy of authorized projects, miscellaneous investigations, and, when authorized by laws, surveys and detailed studies and plans and specifications of projects prior to construction, \$153,872,000, to remain available until expended, of which funds are provided for the following projects in the amounts specified: Norco Bluffs, California \$180,000;

San Joaquin River Basin, Caliente Creek, California, \$150,000;

Tampa Harbor, Alafia Channel, Florida, \$100,000;

Lake George, Hobart, Indiana, \$100,000;

Little Calumet River Basin, Cady Marsh Ditch, Indiana, \$200,000;

Tahoe Basin Study, Nevada and California, \$100,000;

Barnegat Inlet to Little Egg Harbor Inlet, New Jersey, \$300,000;

Brigantine Inlet to Great Egg Harbor Inlet, New Jersey, \$360,000; Great Egg Harbor Inlet to Townsends Inlet,

Great Egg Harbor Inlet to Townsends Inlet, New Jersey, \$200,000;

Manasquan Inlet to Barnegat Inlet, New Jersey, \$250,000;

Townsends Inlet to Cape May Inlet, New Jersey, \$245,000;

South Shore of Staten Island, New York, \$200,000;

Mussers Dam, Middle Creek, Snyder County, Pennsylvania, \$450,000;

Rhode Island South Coast, Habitat Restoration and Storm Damage Reduction, Rhode Island, \$100,000;

Monongahela River, West Virginia, \$500,000;

Monongahela River, Fairmont, West Virginia, \$100,000; and

Tygart River Basin, Philippi, West Virginia, \$100,000.

CONSTRUCTION, GENERAL

For the prosecution of river and harbor, flood control, shore protection, and related projects authorized by laws; and detailed studies, and plans and specifications, of projects (including those for development with participation or under consideration for participation by States, local governments, or private groups) authorized or made eligible for selection by law (but such studies shall not constitute a commitment of the Government to construction), \$1,081,942,000, to remain available until expended, of which such sums as are necessary pursuant to Public Law 99–662 shall be derived from the Inland Waterways Trust Fund, for one-half of the costs of construction and rehabilitation of inland waterways projects, including rehabilitation costs for the Lock and Dam 25, Mississippi River, Illinois and Missouri, Lock and Dam 14, Mississippi River, Iowa, and Lock and Dam 24, Mississippi River, Illinois and Missouri, projects, and of which funds are provided for the following projects in the amounts specified:

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