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H. RES. 380

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that no change in the water level of Lake Powell is justified or appropriate.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CANNON (for himself, Mr. HANSEN, Mr. COOK, Mr. SHADEGG, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. RADANOVICH, Mr. HERGER, Mrs. CHENOWETH, Mrs. CUBIN, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. GIBBONS, Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. MCINNIS, Mr. HEFLEY, Mr. SALMON, Mr. HAYWORTH, Mr. MCKEON, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. PASTOR, Mr. HILL, Mr. SKEEN, Mr. REDMOND, Mr. STUMP, Mr. KOLBE, and Mr. SMITH of Oregon) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that no change in the water level of Lake Powell is justified or appropriate.

Whereas Glen Canyon Dam was completed in 1963 and over the next 14 years created Lake Powell in southern Utah and northern Arizona;

Whereas Lake Powell is 186 miles long and has 1,960 miles of shoreline;

Whereas Lake Powell and the surrounding Glen Canyon National Recreation Area host nearly 3,000,000 visitors annually from every State and numerous foreign countries,

and generate nearly \$500,000,000 a year in tourism revenues;

Whereas more than 400,000 boat launches are made annually on Lake Powell by recreational visitors;

Whereas the power plant at Glen Canyon Dam provides a total output capacity of 1,288,000 kilowatts, enough electricity for more than 400,000 households, and generates revenues of approximately \$100,000,000 per year;

Whereas Lake Powell provides water for steam generation and cooling to the Navajo Generating Station, a 2,250,000 kilowatt power plant;

Whereas Lake Powell's waters support a diverse fishery of striped bass, small-mouth and large-mouth bass, black crappie, sunfish, walleye, threadfin shad, trout, and numerous other species;

Whereas numerous bird species, including the bald eagle, the peregrine falcon, grebes, gulls, terns, and others inhabit the Lake Powell area primarily because of the abundant availability of fish; and

Whereas proposals are currently being made to drain Lake Powell: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, that it is the sense of the House of Rep-
2 resentatives that—

3 (1) Lake Powell is a tremendous national and
4 regional resource that provides recreational opportu-
5 nities, water storage, power capacity, and wildlife
6 habitat for numerous fish and bird species;

7 (2) significant changes in the water level of
8 Lake Powell would adversely affect those resources,

1 the communities surrounding Lake Powell, and
2 users of Lake Powell; and

3 (3) no change in the water level of Lake Powell
4 is justified or appropriate.

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