

107<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. RES. 361

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the restoration and protection of the Great Lakes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CAMP (for himself, Mr. BARCIA, Mr. ROGERS of Michigan, Mr. EHLERS, Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mr. SMITH of Michigan, Mr. KNOLLENBERG, and Mr. UPTON) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committees on International Relations, Resources, and Science, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the restoration and protection of the Great Lakes.

Whereas the Great Lakes is the largest freshwater system on Earth;

Whereas over 90 percent of the 29,000,000 United States residents of the Great Lakes basin rely on the Great Lakes for drinking water;

Whereas scientists have detected more than 360 contaminants in the Great Lakes ecosystem, many of which may have a negative impact on plant, animal, and human life;

Whereas section 1109(b)(2) of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 (42 U.S.C. 1962d–20(b)(2)) encourages the Great Lakes States, in consultation with the Canadian Provinces of Ontario and Quebec, to develop and implement a mechanism that provides a common conservation standard embodying the principles of water conservation and resource improvement for making decisions concerning the withdrawal and use of water from the Great Lakes Basin;

Whereas annual combined sewer overflow discharges are estimated at 1,260,000,000 gallons per year and a heavy concentration of combined sewer overflows are found in the Great Lakes region;

Whereas \$450,000,000 for combined sewer overflow control programs has been requested by the United States Environmental Protection Agency in its previous year’s budget, but to date funds for such purposes have not been appropriated; and

Whereas more than 130 invasive species have been introduced in the Great Lakes and costs of controlling these invasive species are estimated to be as high as \$5,000,000,000 over a 10-year period: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved,*

2       **SECTION 1. BALLAST WATER TREATMENT REGULATIONS**  
3                                   **REQUIRED.**

4       It is the sense of the House of Representatives that  
5 the Secretary of Transportation should issue under the  
6 Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control  
7 Act of 1990 (16 U.S.C. 4701 et seq.) regulations to pre-

1 vent the introduction and spread of aquatic nuisance spe-  
2 cies within the Great Lakes.

3 **SEC. 2. EXPORT OF WATER FROM GREAT LAKES.**

4 It is the sense of the House of Representatives that—

5 (1) the Great Lakes States, in consultation with  
6 the Canadian Provinces of Ontario and Quebec,  
7 should develop and implement a mechanism that  
8 provides a common conservation standard embodying  
9 the principles of water conservation and resource im-  
10 provement for making decisions concerning the with-  
11 drawal and use of water from the Great Lakes  
12 Basin; and

13 (2) the Secretary of State should work with the  
14 Canadian Government to encourage and support the  
15 Provinces in the development and implementation of  
16 a mechanism and standard concerning the with-  
17 drawal and use of water from the Great Lakes  
18 Basin consistent with those mechanisms and stand-  
19 ards developed by the Great Lakes States.

20 **SEC. 3. POLICY REGARDING OFF-SHORE DRILLING IN THE**  
21 **GREAT LAKES.**

22 The House of Representatives encourages—

23 (1) the States of Illinois, Michigan, New York,  
24 Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin to continue to prohibit  
25 off-shore drilling in the Great Lakes for oil and gas;



1 the remediation of sediment contamination in areas of  
2 concern in the Great Lakes.

3 **SEC. 6. SEWER OVERFLOW CONTROL GRANTS.**

4       It is the sense of the House of Representatives that  
5 appropriations for carrying out section 221 of Federal  
6 Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1301) for fiscal  
7 year 2004 should be increased by \$450,000,000 from the  
8 amount appropriated to carry out such section for fiscal  
9 year 2003.

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