

bill (H.R. 31) to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District Wildomar Service Area Recycled Water Distribution Facilities and Alberhill Wastewater Treatment and Reclamation Facility Projects.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from the Virgin Islands?

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the bill, as follows:

H.R. 31

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

This Act may be cited as the "Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District Wastewater and Recycled Water Facilities Act of 2007".

**SEC. 2. PROJECT AUTHORIZATION.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act (Public Law 102-575, title XVI; 43 U.S.C. 390h et seq.) is amended by adding after section 1636 the following:

**"SEC. 1637. ELSINORE VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT PROJECTS, CALIFORNIA.**

"(a) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary, in cooperation with the Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District, California, may participate in the design, planning, and construction of permanent facilities needed to establish recycled water distribution and wastewater treatment and reclamation facilities that will be used to treat wastewater and provide recycled water in the Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District, California.

"(b) COST SHARING.—The Federal share of the cost of each project described in subsection (a) shall not exceed 25 percent of the total cost of the project.

"(c) LIMITATION.—Funds provided by the Secretary under this section shall not be used for operation or maintenance of the projects described in subsection (a).

"(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section \$12,500,000."

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections in section 2 of Public Law 102-575 is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 1636 the following:

"Sec. 1637. Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District Projects, California".

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, H.R. 31 will help the Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District build a recycled water treatment and distribution system. This fast-growing area in southern California is heavily dependent on water from rivers and storage reservoirs that are hundreds of miles away. The modest financial assistance provided by H.R. 31 will help southern California reduce its reliance on imported water and help to sustain water supplies during droughts.

We have no objection to this non-controversial bill.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

**RECOGNIZING VIRGINIA'S JAMES RIVER AS "AMERICA'S FOUNDING RIVER"**

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Com-

mittee on Natural Resources be discharged from further consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 16) recognizing Virginia's James River as "America's Founding River," and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from the Virgin Islands?

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. Res. 16

Whereas Virginia's James River is considered a great natural asset of the United States for its historical, environmental, and economic significance;

Whereas the first permanent English settlement in America was founded on the banks of the James River at Jamestown, Virginia, in 1607;

Whereas, prior to European settlement, the James River was known as Powhatan River, a name associated with Chief Powhatan, who was a key figure in the relationship between the Native American tribes and the Jamestown settlement;

Whereas, for thousands of years, the James River provided a source of nourishment and enrichment to the Native American tribes that lived along its course;

Whereas the James River played a critical role in the founding of America by sustaining the early settlers with its bounty, providing valuable commodities to build the emerging economy of a new colony, and serving as a strategic transportation corridor that shaped the settlement and commerce of the region;

Whereas the James River is one of America's most historic rivers with over 1,100 historic landmarks within its watershed;

Whereas the James River watershed is home to the first colonial capital in America and to numerous founding fathers and presidents, including Thomas Jefferson, Patrick Henry, James Monroe, James Madison, William Henry Harrison, and John Tyler;

Whereas the James River's natural resources, scenic beauty, and recreational opportunities continue to enhance the quality of life of visitors and the people living along it;

Whereas Congress passed the Chesapeake Bay Restoration Act of 2000, committing the Federal Government to achieve improved water quality and improvements in the productivity of living resources in the James River, as a tributary to the Chesapeake Bay;

Whereas the year 2007 marks the 400th anniversary of the founding of Jamestown; and Whereas, throughout 2006 and 2007, many events are planned as part of America's 400th Anniversary, which is an 18-month commemoration of the historic events that occurred on and around the James River in 1607 and the enduring world-wide significance of those historic events; Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

(1) recognizes Virginia's James River as "America's Founding River";

(2) recognizes the extraordinary historic, economic, recreational, and environmental importance of the James River;

(3) encourages the people of the United States to observe and celebrate the James River's contribution to our Nation's history with appropriate ceremonies and activities during America's 400th Anniversary; and

(4) recommits itself to protecting and restoring the James River for the enjoyment and prosperity of current and future generations.

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, H. Res. 16 would grant the recognition of the House to Virginia's James River as "America's Founding River."

The resolution was introduced by our colleague, Representative JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia.

The James River rises in the Allegheny Mountains and flows to the Chesapeake Bay. It is one of the longest rivers in our country to lie in a single state.

Mr. Speaker, Native Americans gave the name of their great chief Powhatan to the river that nourished the tribes along its banks.

In 1607, when English colonists established their first permanent settlement in America, they named the river—and their new town—after King James the First.

The James River sustained those early settlers, supported the growth of the first colonial capital in American, and provided a route for the first westwardbound pioneers.

The land along the James was home to many of our founding fathers and presidents, and great mansions still grace its shores.

Mr. Speaker, H. Res. 16 would grant the recognition of the House to the historic, economic, recreational and environmental importance of the James River and encourages the people of the U.S. to celebrate the contributions of the river to our Nation's history as part of the ceremonies and activities during Jamestown's 400th anniversary.

The resolution also reminds us of our commitment in 2000, as part of the Chesapeake Bay Restoration Act, to improving water quality in the bay's tributaries, including the James, and calls on us to recommit ourselves to protecting and restoring that great river.

Mr. Speaker, we have no objection to H. Res. 16, and urge its passage.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

**GENERAL LEAVE**

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 days to revise and extend their remarks on the 10 measures previously considered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from the Virgin Islands?

There was no objection.

**MAKING INDIVIDUALS EMPLOYED BY ROOSEVELT CAMPOBELLO INTERNATIONAL PARK COMMISSION ELIGIBLE TO OBTAIN FEDERAL HEALTH INSURANCE**

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform be discharged from further consideration of the Senate bill (S. 1099) to amend chapter 89 of title 5, United States Code, to make individuals employed by the Roosevelt Campobello International Park Commission eligible to obtain Federal health insurance, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the Senate bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Illinois?