



SJM19-002

SHORT TITLE: Corps of Engineers to Dredge Lower Arkansas River

LONG TITLE: Concerning memorializing the United States Congress to enact legislation directing the United States Army Corps of Engineers, in conjunction and cooperation with the Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District to dredge a portion of the Arkansas River

SPONSORS: Senators Crowder and Coram/Representatives Esgar and Catlin

COMMITTEES: Senate Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee

PURPOSE OF THE BILL: To request Congress to enact legislation directing the Army Corps of Engineers to dredge a portion of the Arkansas River (to reduce flooding)

PROPONENTS: Sen. Crowder and residents of the area in the lower Arkansas Valley

POTENTIAL STAKEHOLDERS: Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District, Congress, US Army Corps of Engineers

BACKGROUND: Significant and increasing flooding in the lower Arkansas River is occurring particularly in the area of La Junta. Proponents believe this is due to siltation and that dredging portions of the river will ameliorate the situation.

Is this bill necessary this year? Proponents believe time is of the essence

How does the bill change current law? No change

Does the bill affect the prior appropriations system? No

How is the bill implemented? Congress must enact legislation to implement

Practical considerations: What can be done locally if Congress does not enact such legislation?

Fiscal Impact: No fiscal impact statement