

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 3080**  
**OFFERED BY MR. COHEN OF TENNESSEE**

Page 129, strike line 6 and all that follows through  
line 7 on page 130 and insert the following:

1 **SEC. 219. MISSISSIPPI RIVER MANAGEMENT PLAN.**

2 (a) IMPORTANCE OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER.—Con-  
3 gress finds the following:

4 (1) In 1986, Congress designated the Upper  
5 Mississippi River System as both a nationally signifi-  
6 cant ecosystem and navigation system. It was the  
7 only inland river system to receive such a designa-  
8 tion.

9 (2) The Mississippi River is essential to the Na-  
10 tion's economy. Annually, 400 million tons of bulk  
11 cargo float up and down America's main artery of  
12 commerce.

13 (3) Over 1 million jobs rely on the Mississippi  
14 River's transportation system.

15 (4) Two million tons of petroleum move along  
16 the waterway every year, including 20 percent of the  
17 Nation's coal (180 million tons), 22 percent of the  
18 Nation's oil and gas, and 60 percent of the Nation's  
19 grain output.

1           (5) The Mississippi River supports 250 species  
2           of fish, 326 types of birds, and 41 percent of North  
3           America waterfowl.

4           (b) CLOSURE OF ST. ANTHONY FALLS LOCK AND  
5 DAM.—

6           (1) ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY.—Not later than  
7           180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the  
8           Secretary shall conduct a study and submit to Con-  
9           gress a report on the impact of closing the Upper  
10          St. Anthony Falls Lock and Dam on the economy  
11          and the environment, including an assessment of the  
12          annual average tonnage moving through the Upper  
13          St. Anthony Falls Lock and Dam during the pre-  
14          ceding 5 years.

15          (2) MANDATORY CLOSURE.—Not later than 1  
16          year after the date of enactment of this Act, the  
17          Secretary shall close the Upper St. Anthony Falls  
18          Lock and Dam if the Secretary determines pursuant  
19          to the study conducted under paragraph (1) that the  
20          annual average tonnage moving through the Upper  
21          St. Anthony Falls Lock and Dam during the pre-  
22          ceding 5 years was not more than 1,500,000 tons.

23          (3) EMERGENCY OPERATIONS.—Nothing in this  
24          subsection may be construed to prevent the Sec-

1       retary from carrying out emergency lock operations  
2       necessary to mitigate flood damage.

3               (4) UPPER ST. ANTHONY FALLS LOCK AND DAM  
4       DEFINED.—In this section, the term “Upper St. An-  
5       thony Falls Lock and Dam” means the lock and  
6       dam located on Mississippi River Mile 853.9 in Min-  
7       neapolis, Minnesota.

8       (c) GENERAL RIVER MANAGEMENT PLAN.—

9               (1) ASSESSMENT.—Not later than 2 years after  
10       the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
11       shall assess the needs regarding, and opportunities  
12       for, aquatic ecosystem restoration, protection, and  
13       sustainability within the Mississippi River, including  
14       sustainable economic development opportunities that  
15       advance and improve the livability of communities  
16       near the Mississippi River, improve the reliability of  
17       navigation, increase the resiliency of the Mississippi  
18       River to devastating floods and droughts, enhance  
19       opportunities for recreation, ensure the maintenance  
20       of agricultural output, and provide for energy devel-  
21       opment.

22               (2) CONSULTATION.—The Secretary shall carry  
23       out the assessment under paragraph (1) in consulta-  
24       tion with the Environmental Protection Agency, the  
25       Department of Agriculture, the Department of the

1 Interior, the Federal Emergency Management Agen-  
2 cy, the Delta Regional Authority, the heads of other  
3 appropriate Federal agencies, the Governors of the  
4 10 Mississippi River States from Minnesota to Lou-  
5 isiana, local governments, federally-recognized In-  
6 dian tribes, nongovernmental organizations, and  
7 other interested parties.

8 (3) PLAN.—

9 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall de-  
10 velop a general Mississippi River management  
11 plan based on the assessment carried out under  
12 paragraph (1), maximizing the use and integra-  
13 tion of existing and ongoing plans and inves-  
14 tigations.

15 (B) CONTENTS.—The plan shall include—

16 (i) an inventory and evaluation of  
17 Mississippi River habitats and the eco-  
18 system services the habitats provide to  
19 communities near the Mississippi River;

20 (ii) planning assistance on how com-  
21 munities near the Mississippi River can  
22 sustainably capitalize on healthier natural  
23 performance of the river system to promote  
24 tourism, community engagement,  
25 connectivity, and recreational uses;

- 1 (iii) identification of aquatic resources  
2 in need of improvement;
- 3 (iv) identification and prioritization of  
4 potential aquatic habitat restoration  
5 projects;
- 6 (v) establishment of a long-term Mis-  
7 sissippi River ecosystem monitoring pro-  
8 gram;
- 9 (vi) feasibility analysis of imple-  
10 menting a real-time performance and out-  
11 put tracking system for the Mississippi  
12 River;
- 13 (vii) identification of the most cost ef-  
14 fective and significant disaster mitigation  
15 and preparedness operations that can be  
16 implemented on the Mississippi River in all  
17 10 main stem States; and
- 18 (viii) identification of geographical  
19 and ecological areas of concern within the  
20 historic Mississippi River floodplain, in-  
21 cluding—
- 22 (I) wetlands;
- 23 (II) riparian borders;
- 24 (III) aquatic vegetation commu-  
25 nities;

1 (IV) freshwater critical habitat  
2 zones;

3 (V) floodplain areas, including  
4 tributary confluences;

5 (VI) areas impacted or inhabited  
6 by invasive species; and

7 (VII) connectivity between flow-  
8 ing water and backwater communities.

9 (4) PUBLIC INPUT.—This subsection shall be  
10 carried out while providing for meaningful public  
11 input into the planning process, with ready public  
12 access being provided to planning documents, res-  
13 toration plans, and planning guidance.

