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The Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure met at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 14, 2026, in 2167 Rayburn House Office Building, pursuant to notice, in an open session, with a quorum present, and considered the following measures:

- Approval of updated Subcommittee Rosters due to changes on the Majority side;
- General Services Administration Capital Investment and Leasing Program Resolutions;
- An Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute (ANS) to H.R. 9497, the *Water Resources Development Act of 2026*; and
- Other matters cleared for consideration.

The Committee took the following actions:

The Committee approved the updated Subcommittee Rosters due to changes on the Majority side by unanimous consent.

The Committee approved and adopted the following General Services Administration Capital Investment and Leasing Program Resolutions, en bloc, by a recorded vote of 41 Yeas and 24 Nays (RC#128):

GSA Resolution: Alteration, Optimization Program, Various Buildings, POP-0001-MU25; and

GSA Resolution: Alteration, Optimization Program, Various Buildings, POP-0001-MU26.

The vote was as follows:

Vote: 128

Measure: GSA

**On: GSA Resolutions,
en bloc**

Yea

41 Nay

24

Present

0 Not Voting

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Member	Vote	Member	Vote
Mr. Graves of MO	Y	Mr. Larsen of WA	Y
Mr. Crawford	Y	Ms. Norton	Y
Mr. Webster of FL	Y	Mr. Nadler	N
Mr. Massie	Y	Mr. Garamendi	N
Mr. Perry	Y	Mr. Johnson of GA	N
Mr. Babin	Y	Mr. Carson	N
Mr. Rouzer	Y	Ms. Titus	N
Mr. Bost		Mr. Huffman	N
Mr. Westerman	Y	Ms. Brownley	N
Mr. Mast	Y	Ms. Wilson of FL	N
Mr. Stauber	Y	Mr. DeSaulnier	N
Mr. Burchett	Y	Mr. Carbajal	N
Mr. Johnson of SD	Y	Mr. Stanton	N
Mr. Van Drew	Y	Ms. Davids of KS	Y
Mr. Nehls	Y	Mr. Garcia of IL	N
Mr. Mann	Y	Mr. Pappas	N
Mr. Owens	Y	Mr. Moulton	N
Mr. Burlison	Y	Ms. Strickland	Y
Mr. Collins	Y	Mr. Ryan	N
Mr. Ezell	Y	Ms. Hoyle of OR	N
Mr. Kiley	Y	Mrs. Sykes	N
Mr. Fong	Y	Ms. Scholten	Y
Mr. Wied	Y	Mrs. Foushee	N
Mr. Barrett		Mr. Deluzio	N
Mr. Begich	Y	Mr. Garcia of CA	N
Mr. Bresnahan	Y	Ms. Pou	N
Mr. Hurd	Y	Ms. McDonald Rivet	N
Mr. McDowell	Y	Ms. Friedman	N
Mr. Taylor	Y	Ms. Gillen	Y
Mr. Knott	Y	Mr. Figures	Y
Ms. King-Hinds	Y	Mr. Frost	N
Mr. Kennedy	Y		
Mr. Onder	Y		
Mr. Patronis	Y		
Mr. Fuller	Y		

Mr. Gallagher	Y
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H.R. 9497, the *Water Resources Development Act of 2026*. The Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 9497 on July 14, 2026. The legislation was AGREED TO and ordered to be favorably reported to the House, as amended, by a recorded vote of 66 Yeas and 0 Nays (RC#130).

The vote was as follows:

Vote: 130	Measure: H.R. 9497
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On: Final passage: H.R. 9497, as amended

Yea	66	Nay	0
Present	0	Not Voting	1

Member	Vote	Member	Vote
Mr. Graves of MO	Y	Mr. Larsen of WA	Y
Mr. Crawford	Y	Ms. Norton	Y
Mr. Webster of FL	Y	Mr. Nadler	Y
Mr. Massie	Y	Mr. Garamendi	Y
Mr. Perry	Y	Mr. Johnson of GA	Y
Mr. Babin	Y	Mr. Carson	Y
Mr. Rouzer	Y	Ms. Titus	Y
Mr. Bost		Mr. Huffman	Y
Mr. Westerman	Y	Ms. Brownley	Y
Mr. Mast	Y	Ms. Wilson of FL	Y
Mr. Stauber	Y	Mr. DeSaulnier	Y
Mr. Burchett	Y	Mr. Carbajal	Y
Mr. Johnson of SD	Y	Mr. Stanton	Y
Mr. Van Drew	Y	Ms. Davids of KS	Y
Mr. Nehls	Y	Mr. García of IL	Y
Mr. Mann	Y	Mr. Pappas	Y
Mr. Owens	Y	Mr. Moulton	Y
Mr. Burlison	Y	Ms. Strickland	Y
Mr. Collins	Y	Mr. Ryan	Y
Mr. Ezell	Y	Ms. Hoyle of OR	Y
Mr. Kiley	Y	Mrs. Sykes	Y
Mr. Fong	Y	Ms. Scholten	Y
Mr. Wied	Y	Mrs. Foushee	Y

Mr. Barrett	Y	Mr. Deluzio	Y
Mr. Begich	Y	Mr. Garcia of CA	Y
Mr. Bresnahan	Y	Ms. Pou	Y
Mr. Hurd	Y	Ms. McDonald Rivet	Y
Mr. McDowell	Y	Ms. Friedman	Y
Mr. Taylor	Y	Ms. Gillen	Y
Mr. Knott	Y	Mr. Figures	Y
Ms. King-Hinds	Y	Mr. Frost	Y
Mr. Kennedy	Y		
Mr. Onder	Y		
Mr. Patronis	Y		
Mr. Fuller	Y		
Mr. Gallagher	Y		

The following amendments were offered:

An Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute to H.R. 9497, offered by Chairman Graves; was AGREED TO, as amended, by voice vote.

A Manager's Amendment to the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute to H.R. 9497, offered by Chairman Graves: Page 10, beginning on line 12, strike "modify the operation of projects under other authorities to". Page 11, after line 23, insert the following: (ix) Consult and coordinate with the applicable Federal Power Marketing Administration on the potential effect to hydropower generation. Page 56, line 23, strike "or". Page 56, after line 23, insert the following (and redesignate the subsequent subparagraph accordingly): "(F) groundwater aquifer recharge; or" Strike section 113. Page 70, after line 25, insert the following: (c) APPLICABILITY.—The amendments made by subsection (b)(1) shall apply with respect to funds made available after the date of enactment of this Act. Page 72, beginning on line 11, strike "the Secretary" and insert "and in cases in which capacity is inadequate to accommodate the maintenance dredging needs of the harbor, the Secretary". Page 76, after line 2, insert the following: "(II) Pensacola Bay System Watershed, Florida.". Page 87, line 7, strike "and inserting" and all that follows through the closing quotation mark and insert "and inserting a semicolon". Page 87, line 26, strike "success" and all that follows through the end of the line and insert "success; and". Page 87, after line 26, insert the following: "(F) the restoration and rehabilitation of habitat for fish in the Choctawhatchee Bay and off the coast in the vicinity of Okaloosa County, Florida.". Page 95, line 13, strike "Not later than" and insert the following: (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than Page 95, after line 21, insert the following: (3) The counties of Arkansas, Clay, Greene, Independence, Jackson, Lawrence, Lonoke, Randolph, and Woodruff, Arkansas, shall be transferred to the Memphis District. (4) Desha County, Arkansas, and Lincoln County, Arkansas, shall be transferred to the Vicksburg District. Page 95, after line 21, insert the following: (b) REQUIREMENT WITH RESPECT TO REALIGNMENT ACTION.—(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection (a), the Secretary may not carry out any action to modify a geographic boundary of the Corps of Engineers unless the Secretary submits to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate a notification not later than 30 days in advance of such modification. (2) CONSULTATION AND PUBLIC COMMENT.—In developing the notification required under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall, to the extent practicable, consult with and accept comments from affected stakeholders in the geographic boundary affected by the proposed modification to the geographic boundary of the Corps of Engineers, including— (A) State, Tribal, or local governments; (B) non-Federal interests; (C) the workforce of the Corps of Engineers (including any organizations representing such workforce);

and (D) other entities, as determined appropriate by the Secretary. (3) CONTENTS.—In the notification required under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall include— (A) a justification for a modification to the geographic boundary of the Corps of Engineers; (B) a description of the effects of such modification on— (i) the ability of the Corps of Engineers to execute its mission; (ii) the finances of the Corps of Engineers; (iii) the workforce of the Corps of Engineers; and (iv) stakeholders (including State agencies, conservation districts, and the public); and (C) a summary of any comments received under paragraph (2) and the Secretary’s response to such comments. Page 96, strike lines 15 through 18 and insert the following: (a) COMMUNICATION.—The Corps of Engineers, including each district of the Corps of Engineers, shall have open communications with each office of a Member of Congress. Page 96, beginning on line 19, strike “the Chairman or Ranking Member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives or the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate” and insert “any Member of Congress”. Page 97, after line 9, insert the following: (d) MEMBER OF CONGRESS DEFINED.—In this section, the term “Member of Congress” includes a Delegate or Resident Commissioner to Congress. Page 111, after line 10, insert the following: “() The feasibility study for the project for flood risk management, including riverbank stabilization and bluff stabilization, Columbus and Hickman, Kentucky, authorized by section 8201(a)(28) of the Water Resources Development Act of 2022 (136 Stat. 3746) (as modified by this Act).”. Page 112, after line 15, insert the following: “(11) The feasibility study for the project for flood risk management, including riverbank stabilization and bluff stabilization, Columbus and Hickman, Kentucky, authorized by section 8201(a)(28) of the Water Resources Development Act of 2022 (136 Stat. 3746) (as modified by this Act).”. At the end of title I, insert the following: SEC. 145. VESSEL REMOVAL BY CORPS OF ENGINEERS. Section 19(b)(4) of the Act of March 3, 1899 (33 U.S.C. 414(b)) is amended— (1) in subparagraph (A)(i), by inserting “under section 4711 of title 46, United States Code,” after “Commandant of the Coast Guard”; and (2) in subparagraph (B)(iii)(I), by inserting “under section 4711 of title 46, United States Code,” after “Commandant of the Coast Guard”. Page 130, after line 18, insert the following: (l) INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY, FLORIDA.—Modification to the project for navigation, Intracoastal Waterway from Jacksonville, Florida, to Miami, Florida, authorized by section 2 of the Act of March 2, 1945 (chapter 19, 59 Stat. 16), to include the navigation channel at Jupiter Inlet, Florida. Page 133, after line 5, insert the following: () PORT OF IBERIA, LOUISIANA.—Modifications to the project for navigation, Port of Iberia, Louisiana, authorized by section 1001(25) of the Water Resources Development Act of 2007 (121 Stat. 1053; 128 Stat. 1351), to improve navigation in the Federal navigation channel of the Freshwater Bayou by deepening the channel south of the Freshwater City Lock up to 32 feet, including the Freshwater Bayou lock bypass channel as part of the Federal project, and deepening and widening the bypass channel. Page 144, strike lines 11 through 14. Page 144, after line 24, insert the following: () Project for storm damage reduction and shoreline protection, including the engineering documentation report, Brigantine Inlet to Great Egg Harbor Inlet, Absecon Island, New Jersey, authorized by section 101(b)(13) of the Water Resources Development Act of 1996 (110 Stat. 3668). Page 145, line 10, insert “the” before “project”. Page 149, after line 19, insert the following: (10) Project for coastal storm risk management, Nassau County Back Bays, New York, authorized pursuant to the Act of June 15, 1955 (chapter 140, 69 Stat. 132). Page 151, after line 11, insert the following: (g) NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY HARBOR AND TRIBUTARIES.— (1) SCHEDULE.—Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary, in consultation with the non-Federal interests for the project described in subsection (b)(9), shall provide to such non-Federal interests and congressional delegations a schedule for completion of the final report of the Chief of Engineers and other project decision documents including— (A) the remaining study, review, decision milestones, and budget; (B) any separable elements, actionable elements, phases, reaches, or features expected to be advanced and the anticipated timeline for any such advancements for the duration of the project until completion; (C) the status of responses to public comments received on the 2022 Draft Integrated Feasibility Report and Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement and Tentatively Selected Plan; and (D) any impediments to completion of the final report of the Chief of Engineers and any other decision document. (2) BRIEFINGS.—Until completion of the final report of the Chief of Engineers and other decision documents described in paragraph (1), the Secretary shall brief the non-Federal interests and congressional delegations not less frequently than once per quarter on the status of the project, including progress toward the milestones identified under paragraph (1). (3) CONGRESSIONAL REPORTS.—Not later than 6 months after the date of enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter for a period of 5 years, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report detailing the progress on the schedule for completion required under this subsection. Page 151, after line 20, insert the following: (b) COLUMBUS AND

HICKMAN, KENTUCKY.—The feasibility study for the project for flood risk management, including riverbank stabilization, Columbus, Kentucky, authorized by section 8201(a)(28) of the Water Resources Development Act of 2022 (136 Stat. 3746), is modified to authorize the Secretary to include in the study bluff stabilization as an authorized purpose and to include in the study area the City of Hickman, Kentucky.

(c) MAURICE RIVER, NEW JERSEY.—The feasibility study for the project for navigation and for beneficial use of dredged materials for hurricane and storm damage risk reduction and ecosystem restoration, Maurice River, New Jersey, authorized by section 8201(a)(53) of the Water Resources Development Act of 2022 (136 Stat. 3747), is modified to authorize the Secretary to include streambank erosion and shoreline protection and to include in the study area the East Point Lighthouse. Page 152, line 12, strike “subsections (a) and (b)” and insert “subsections (a) through (d)”. Page 152, beginning on line 14, strike “subsection (a) or (b)” and insert “subsection (a), (b), (c), or (d)”. Page 174, after line 19, insert the following: (c) REPORT ON LOWER PEARL RIVER RESTORATION PROJECT.— (1) IN GENERAL.—The Engineer Inspector General of the Corps of Engineers shall submit to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives a report on the failure and degradation of the weir constructed at Wilson’s Slough, near Walkiah Bluff, Mississippi, as part of the project for flood damage reduction, Pearl River Basin, including Shoccoe, Mississippi, authorized by section 401(e)(3) of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 (100 Stat. 4132; 121 Stat. 1134). (2) CONTENTS.—The report submitted under paragraph (1) shall include— (A) an assessment of the design, construction, operation, and maintenance of the weir; (B) a determination, to the extent practicable, of whether the failure or degradation of the weir was primarily attributable to structural deficiencies, inadequate operations or maintenance, natural events, or a combination thereof; and (C) any recommendations for administrative or legislative actions necessary to restore functionality of the Lower Pearl River Restoration project or prevent similar failures in future environmental restoration projects. After section 206, insert the following: SEC. 207. COASTAL STORM RISK MANAGEMENT TRUST FUND STUDY. The Secretary shall conduct a study on the creation of a Coastal Storm Risk Management Trust Fund, including identification of potential sources of funding for such a trust fund. SEC. 208. ASSESSMENT OF EMERGING HARBOR MAINTENANCE BACKLOG. (a) ASSESSMENT.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall conduct an assessment of federally authorized emerging harbors that have experienced deferred maintenance, inadequate operations and maintenance funding, or recurring navigation deficiencies. (b) CONTENTS.—In conducting the assessment under subsection (a), the Secretary shall identify, for each emerging harbor— (1) the authorized dimensions and current condition of the harbor and associated Federal navigation features; (2) the extent of deferred maintenance and dredging needs; (3) the economic, public safety, emergency response, commercial fishing, Tribal, and recreational impacts associated with deferred maintenance; (4) whether the harbor has been unable to receive regular maintenance because of current benefit-cost methodologies or other Federal policies; (5) whether the harbor has not received Federal operations and maintenance funding for a period of not less than 10 years and the impacts of such lack of maintenance on navigation, safety, and local economic activity; (6) recommendations for addressing identified maintenance backlogs; and (7) a determination of— (A) the interest of State, local, and Tribal governments, and port authorities, in assuming responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the emerging harbor; and (B) any legal, financial, or operational barriers to such assumption of responsibility. (c) CONSULTATION.—In conducting the assessment under this section, the Secretary shall consult with State, local, Tribal, and port authorities regarding— (1) the potential deauthorization of federally authorized emerging harbors; (2) the interest of non-Federal public entities in assuming responsibility for the operation and maintenance of such harbors; and (3) the authorities, funding mechanisms, and technical assistance that may be necessary to facilitate such transfers. (d) REPORT TO CONGRESS.— (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate a report containing the results of the assessment conducted under this section and recommendations for administrative or legislative actions to address any identified backlogs, including any recommendations regarding the transfer of operation and maintenance responsibilities to interested non-Federal entities. (2) PRIORITY LIST.—The Secretary shall include in the report under paragraph (1) a prioritized list of emerging harbor maintenance projects based on economic importance, public safety, commercial fishing activity, Tribal reliance, emergency access needs, and the extent of deferred maintenance. (e) EMERGING HARBOR DEFINED.—In this section, the term “emerging harbor” has the meaning given the term in section 210(f)(2) of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 (33 U.S.C. 2238(f)(2)). Page 176, beginning

on line 5, strike “subsection (a)” and insert “paragraph (1)”. Page 176, beginning on line 18, strike “described in paragraph (2)” and insert “and tests described in subparagraph (B)”. Page 177, beginning on line 2, strike “subsection (a)” and insert “paragraph (1)”. Page 177, strike line 5 and insert the following: (B) Indian Tribes; and Page 177, line 6, strike “(B)” and insert “(C)”. Page 177, after line 7, insert the following: () GUIDANCE.—Not later than 1 year after the completion of the activities and testing described in paragraph (1), the Secretary shall publish guidance for the utilization of natural infrastructure in dryland streams technologies in civil works projects. Page 177, line 16, strike “under subsection (a)” and insert “, and the guidance published, under this subsection”. Page 180, after line 18, insert the following: (6) The project for coastal storm risk management, Nassau County Back Bays, New York, authorized pursuant to the Act of June 15, 1955 (chapter 140, 69 Stat. 132). Page 183, after line 24, insert the following: SEC. ____ . EXPEDITED AFTER-ACTION REVIEW OF LAKE OKEECHOBEE RECOVERY OPERATIONS. (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall expedite the completion of an After-Action Review for the Lake Okeechobee Recovery Operations that occurred between December 2024 and June 2025. (b) REPORT.—Not later than December 31, 2026, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate a report on the After-Action Review described in subsection (a), including— (1) a description of the rationale of the Secretary, including identification of any factors and any processes used by the Secretary, in deciding to implement the Lake Okeechobee Recovery Operations that occurred between December 2024 and June 2025; (2) an assessment by the Secretary of such Recovery Operations, including identification and assessment of the effects, if any, of such Recovery Operations on— (A) the subaquatic vegetation and fauna in and around Lake Okeechobee; (B) the ecology of estuaries and lagoons that received water transfers from Lake Okeechobee, including effects on subaquatic vegetation, adult oyster populations, and oyster reproduction rates in such estuaries and lagoons; (C) congressionally authorized project purposes of flood protection, water supply, protection of fish and wildlife resources, and navigation; and (D) the total quantity of water, measured in cubic-feet, transferred through congressionally authorized or funded projects; (3) the identification of any periods during the 18-month period beginning on June 30, 2025, of water excess or water shortage in Lake Okeechobee, a canal used for navigation in the vicinity of Lake Okeechobee, or sources of water for drinking or other consumption located in the area south of Lake Okeechobee; (4) an assessment of the ability of the Corps of Engineers to undertake Lake Okeechobee Recovery Operations again during the 5-year period beginning on the date of enactment of this Act; and (5) an assessment of whether or not there may have been any adverse effects to water supply or other Congressionally authorized purposes, included but not limited to flood protection, protection of fish and wildlife resources, and navigation as a result of Lake Okeechobee Recovery Operations. (c) LIMITATION.—In the report under subsection (b), the Secretary may not recommend— (1) expanding Federal authority or oversight over waters or environmental programs of a State; or (2) anything contrary to the original goals, priorities, or authorizations of the project for ecosystem restoration, Central and South Florida, Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Program, Lake Okeechobee Watershed Restoration, Florida, authorized pursuant to section 601(d)(2)(B) of the Water Resources Development Act of 2000 (114 Stat. 2680; 121 Stat. 1179; 134 Stat. 2673; 136 Stat. 3761; 138 Stat. 3067). Page 210, after line 24, insert the following: “() Gap Creek, Okaloosa County, Florida, for removal of silt and aquatic growth, stump removal, and other material to carry out environmental cleanup; Page 226, beginning on line 6, strike “as may be further described in an agreement entered into under paragraph (3)”. Beginning on page 228, strike lines 13 and all that follows through page 230, line 6. Page 237, line 24, strike “West 73.9242159” and insert “West 73.942159”. Page 240, strike lines 16 through 23 and insert “by the following coordinates: 32° 47’ 14.9482” N, 79° 55’ 16.3495” W; to 32° 47’ 14.4485” N, 79° 55’ 23.8699” W; to 32° 46’ 39.2931” N, 79° 55’ 23.1766” W; to 32° 46’ 39.4002” N, 79° 55’ 15.564” W; to 32° 47’ 5.2545” N, 79° 55’ 16.0734” W; to 32° 47’ 9.6725” N, 79° 55’ 10.8883” W; thence back to 32° 47’ 14.9482” N, 79° 55’ 16.3495” W.”. Page 245, after line 3, insert the following: “() BUTTE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA.— \$1,000,000 for water and wastewater infrastructure in Butte County, California.”. Page 245, after line 10, insert the following: () CONTRA COSTA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA.—\$6,000,000 for water and wastewater infrastructure, including stormwater management, in Contra Costa County, California. Page 269, after line 18, insert the following: “() BEAUFORT, SOUTH CAROLINA.— \$6,000,000 for water and wastewater infrastructure, including water supply and distribution systems, in the City of Beaufort, South Carolina.”. Beginning on page 274, strike line 16 and all that follows through page 275, line 3. Page 283, line 21, strike “\$40,000,000” and insert “\$50,000,000”. Page 294, strike lines 21 through 25. Page 298, after line 13, insert the following: (d)

REIMBURSEMENT UNDER ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE ASSISTANCE.—Section 219 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1992 (106 Stat. 4835; 113 Stat. 335) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection: “(g) FORM OF FEDERAL SHARE.—The Federal share of the cost of any project, or separable element of a project, for which assistance is provided under this section may be provided in the form of reimbursement of project costs incurred by the non-Federal interest, subject to funds being made available for such project.”. After section 310, insert the following: SEC. 311. MAINTENANCE OF NAVIGATION CHANNELS. Section 509(a) of the Water Resources Development Act of 1996 (110 Stat. 3759; 113 Stat. 339; 114 Stat. 2679; 136 Stat. 3779; 138 Stat. 3164) is amended by adding at the end the following: “(28) Bayport East Turning Basin and Channel Expansion of Houston Ship Channel, Texas.”. SEC. 312. MOBILE HARBOR, ALABAMA. The undesignated paragraph under the heading “Mobile Harbor, Alabama” in section 201(a) of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 (100 Stat. 4090; 110 Stat. 3711) is amended by striking “, after compliance with applicable laws and after opportunity for public review and comment, may consider alternatives to disposal of such material in the Gulf of Mexico, including environmentally acceptable alternatives for beneficial uses of dredged material and environmental restoration.” and inserting “shall prohibit the use of thin layer placement of dredged material unless such disposal is necessary for emergency use, to prevent draft restrictions, or the creation of living shorelines or brackish marsh habitats. The Secretary shall establish, in coordination with the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, a multi-year restoration program utilizing suitable dredged material to protect, conserve, and restore the Mobile Bay estuary.”. Page 323, line 23, insert “after the date of enactment of this Act” after “to the Secretary”. Page 325, line 4, insert “after the date of enactment of this Act” after “to the Secretary”. Page 326, line 7, insert “(including a critical restoration project for which an agreement was entered into pursuant to this section before the date of enactment of the Water Resources Development Act of 2026 and construction is not complete as of such date of enactment)” after “this section”. Page 330, in the table following line 8, insert the following in the appropriate place: 1. MS Gulfport Harbor, Gulfport, Deep Draft Navigation June 23, 2026 Federal: \$411,114,000 Non-Federal: \$137,102,000 Total: \$548,216,000 Page 330, in the table following line 9, insert the following in the appropriate place: 1. NY, NJ New York–New Jersey Harbor and Tributaries Study, East Riser, New Jersey Actionable Element July 6, 2026 Federal: \$180,916,000 Non-Federal: \$97,417,000 Total: \$278,333,000 Page 331, in the table preceding line 1, insert the following in the appropriate place: 1. MO Lower Osage River Basin, Miller, Osage, and Cole Counties, Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration July 6, 2026 Federal: \$95,334,000 Non-Federal: \$51,333,000 Total: \$146,667,000 Page 332, in the table preceding line 1, strike row 4 and insert the following: 4. KY Kentucky Lock Addition, Lower Cumberland and Tennessee Rivers June 11, 2026 Federal: \$2,056,161,750 Non-Federal: \$685,387,250 Total: \$2,741,549,000 Page 332, in the table preceding line 1, strike row 6 and insert the following: 6. TN Chickamauga Lock Replacement Project, Chickamauga Lake, Hamilton County June 11, 2026 Federal: \$1,175,090,250 Non-Federal: \$391,696,750 Total: \$1,566,787,000 Page 332, in the table preceding line 1, insert the following in the appropriate place: 1. FL Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan, Central Everglades Planning Project June 16, 2026 Federal: \$6,160,809,000 Non-Federal: \$6,160,809,000 Total: \$12,321,618,000 Page 333, after line 4, insert the following: (F) Salt Brook, Summit, New Jersey. Page 333, strike lines 9 through 12 and insert the following: (2) Projects for beach erosion and hurricane and storm damage reduction under section 3 of the Act of August 13, 1946 (33 U.S.C. 426g) for the following areas: (A) Micro Beach and Makaka Beach, Garapan, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. (B) Bolongo Bay, St. Thomas, United States Virgin Islands. Page 333, after line 20, insert the following: (I) Palermo, Butte County, California. Page 336, after line 8, insert the following: (I) Jonesboro, Arkansas. Page 336, after line 11, insert the following: (I) Sutter County, California, including Yuba City and Robbins. Page 336, after line 16, insert the following: (9) Project for removal of obstructions and clearing channels for flood control, City of Chico, California, under section 2 of the Act of August 28, 1937 (33 U.S.C. 701g). Page 338, after line 14, insert the following: (11) Project for navigation, Port of Iberia, Louisiana, authorized by section 1001(25) of the Water Resources Control Act of 2007 (121 Stat 1053; 128 Stat 1351). At the end of title V, add the following: SEC. 502. STUDY ON HIGH HAZARD POTENTIAL DAM PRIORITIZATIONS. (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency shall complete a study to identify the issues and concerns that prevent States from prioritizing projects that will have the greatest community benefit under section 8A of the National Dam Safety Program Act (33 U.S.C. 467f–2) and produce recommendations on how to address such issues and concerns. (b) TIMELINE.—The Administrator shall begin the study required under

subsection (a) on the date of enactment of this Act and shall submit to Congress a status report on such study not later than 1 year after such date of enactment.; was **AGREED TO** by voice vote.

An Amendment to the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute to H.R. 9497, offered by Mr. Stanton of Arizona (Stanton 125): Page 297, line 24, strike “and” at the end. Page 297, after line 24, insert the following (and redesignate the subsequent subparagraphs accordingly): (C) in subsection (e)(3), by adding at the end the following: “(F) EXCEPTION.—Notwithstanding subparagraph (A), the non-Federal share of the cost of a project under this section benefitting an economically disadvantaged community (as defined by the Secretary under section 160 of the Water Resources Development Act of 2020 (33 U.S.C. 2201 note)) shall be 10 percent.”; and; was **WITHDRAWN**.

An Amendment to the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute to H.R. 9497, offered by Mr. Crawford of Arkansas (Crawford 074): Page 95, after line 21 insert the following: (3) Little Rock District shall be transferred from the Southwestern Division to the Mississippi Valley Division.; was **WITHDRAWN**.

An Amendment to the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute to H.R. 9497, offered by Ms. Davids of Kansas (Davids 078): SEC. __. ARCHITECTURAL OR ENGINEERING SERVICES FEE LIMITATION. Contracts for the production and delivery of designs, plans, drawings, and specifications entered into by the Secretary for a project or activity authorized or carried out under this Act shall be subject to the fee limitation under section 7540(b) of title 10, United States Code.; was **WITHDRAWN**.

An Amendment to the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute to H.R. 9497, offered by Ms. Strickland of Washington (Strickland 089): Page 112, after line 20 insert the following: SEC. 1 __. NORTHWEST REGIONAL COMMISSION. (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Section 15301(a) of title 40, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following: “(7) The Northwest Regional Commission.”. (b) DESIGNATION OF REGION.—(1) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 157 of title 40, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following: “§ 15737. Northwest Regional Commission “The region of the Northwest Regional Commission shall include the following: “(1) WASHINGTON.—Each county in the State of Washington. “(2) OREGON.—Each county in the State of Oregon. “(3) IDAHO.—Each county in the State of Idaho. “(4) MONTANA.—Each county in the State of Montana.”. (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chapter 157 of title 40, United States Code, is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 15736 the following: “15737. Northwest Regional Commission.”. (c) TRIBAL PARTICIPATION.—Section 15307 of title 40, United States Code, is amended— (1) by inserting “or the Northwest Regional Commission” after “Southwest Border Regional Commission”; and (2) by striking “that Commission” and inserting “the applicable Commission”. (d) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 3(12) of the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3122(12)) is amended— (1) by redesignating subparagraphs (H) through (J) as subparagraphs (I) through (K), respectively; and (2) by inserting after subparagraph (G) the following: “(H) The Northwest Regional Commission established by section 15301(a)(7) of title 40, United States Code.”.; was **WITHDRAWN**.

An Amendment to the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute to H.R. 9497, offered by Mr. Babin of Texas (Babin 036): Page 112, insert after line 20 the following: SEC. 1 __. ADDITIONAL MEASURES AT ENERGY TRANSFER PORTS. (a) Section 2106(b)(2) of the Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014 (33 U.S.C. 2238c(b)(2)) is amended by striking subparagraph (A) and inserting the following: “(A) for energy transfer ports shall be divided proportionally based on the total energy commodity tonnage at each such energy transfer port;”.; was **WITHDRAWN**.

An Amendment to the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute to H.R. 9497, offered by Mr. Bost (Bost 035): At the appropriate place, insert the following: SEC. __. FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR WIFIA ELIGIBILITY AND PROJECT SELECTION. Section 5028(a)(1)(C) of the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act of 2014 (33 U.S.C. 3907(a)(1)(C)) is amended— (1) by striking “The Secretary” and inserting the following: “(i) FINANCING SECURITY FEATURES.— The Secretary”; and (2) by adding at the end the following: “(ii) CONSTRUCTION PAYMENT AND PERFORMANCE SECURITY.— “(I) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary or the Administrator, as applicable, shall ensure that the construction of a project carried out with assistance under this subtitle has payment and performance security in accordance with this clause. “(II) USE OF STATE OR LOCAL REQUIREMENTS.—The Secretary or the Administrator, as applicable, shall consider subclause (I) to be satisfied with respect to the construction of a project if— “(aa) applicable State or local law requires payment and performance security with respect to the construction; and “(bb) the amount of that payment and performance security is not less than 50 percent of the total construction contract amount. “(III) USE OF BONDS.—With respect to the construction of a project to which no State or local payment and performance security requirements apply or for which the amount of payment and performance security under applicable State or local payment and performance requirements does not meet the requirement described in subclause (II)(bb), the Secretary or the Administrator, as applicable, shall require, for purposes of satisfying subclause (I), that the requirements described in paragraphs (1) and (2) of section 3131(b) of title 40, United States Code, be met.”.; was **WITHDRAWN**.

An Amendment to the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute to H.R. 9497, offered by Mr. Van Drew (Van Drew 129): Page 329, after line 19 insert the following: SEC. 3 __. HEREFORD INLET TO CAPE MAY INLET, CAPE MAY COUNTY, NEW JERSEY. In carrying out the project for hurricane and storm damage risk reduction, Hereford Inlet to Cape May Inlet, Cape May County, New Jersey, authorized by section 1401(3) of the Water Resources Development Act of 2016 (130 Stat. 1712), the Secretary shall ensure that— (1) the first phase of the project takes place entirely within the jurisdiction of North Wildwood; and (2) dredged materials for the project are sourced from Hereford Inlet, Hereford Inlet Beach, or other local sources.; was **WITHDRAWN**.

An Amendment to the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute to H.R. 9497, offered by Mr. Perry of Pennsylvania (Perry 327): At the appropriate place in title I, insert the following: SEC. 1 __. PROHIBITION ON REGULATIONS RELATING TO FIREARM POSSESSION. The Secretary shall not promulgate or enforce any regulation that prohibits an individual from possessing a firearm, including an assembled or functional firearm, at a water resources development project covered under section 327.0 of title 36, Code of Federal Regulations (as in effect on the date of enactment of this Act) if— (1) the individual is not otherwise prohibited by law from possessing a firearm; and (2) the possession of the firearm is in compliance with the law of the State in which the water resources development project is located.; was **NOT AGREED TO** by a recorded vote of 30 Yeas and 35 Nays (RC#129).

The vote was as follows:

Vote: 129		Measure: H.R. 9497	
On: No. 327, offered by Mr. Perry			
Yea	30	Nay	35
Present	0	Not Voting	2
Member		Vote	
Member		Vote	

Mr. Graves of MO	N	Mr. Larsen of WA	N
Mr. Crawford	Y	<i>Ms. Norton</i>	N
Mr. Webster of FL	Y	Mr. Nadler	N
Mr. Massie	Y	Mr. Garamendi	N
Mr. Perry	Y	Mr. Johnson of GA	N
Mr. Babin	Y	Mr. Carson	N
Mr. Rouzer	Y	Ms. Titus	N
Mr. Bost		Mr. Huffman	N
Mr. Westerman	Y	Ms. Brownley	N
Mr. Mast	Y	Ms. Wilson of FL	N
Mr. Stauber	Y	Mr. DeSaulnier	N
Mr. Burchett	Y	Mr. Carbajal	N
Mr. Johnson of SD	Y	Mr. Stanton	N
Mr. Van Drew	Y	Ms. Davids of KS	N
Mr. Nehls	Y	Mr. García of IL	N
Mr. Mann	Y	Mr. Pappas	N
Mr. Owens	Y	Mr. Moulton	N
Mr. Burlison	Y	Ms. Strickland	N
Mr. Collins	Y	Mr. Ryan	N
Mr. Ezell	Y	Ms. Hoyle of OR	N
Mr. Kiley	N	Mrs. Sykes	N
Mr. Fong	Y	Ms. Scholten	N
Mr. Wied	Y	Mrs. Foushee	N
Mr. Barrett		Mr. Deluzio	N
Mr. Begich	Y	Mr. Garcia of CA	N
Mr. Bresnahan	Y	Ms. Pou	N
Mr. Hurd	Y	Ms. McDonald Rivet	N
Mr. McDowell	Y	Ms. Friedman	N
Mr. Taylor	Y	Ms. Gillen	N
Mr. Knott	Y	Mr. Figures	N
<i>Ms. King-Hinds</i>	N	Mr. Frost	N
Mr. Kennedy	Y		
Mr. Onder	Y		
Mr. Patronis	Y		
Mr. Fuller	Y		
Mr. Gallagher	N		

An Amendment to the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute to H.R. 9497, offered by Mr. Owens of Utah (Owens 051): At the appropriate place in title I, insert the following: SEC. 1__.

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES AND OTHER TRANSACTION AUTHORITY. Section 7 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1988 (33 U.S.C. 2313) is amended— (1) in the section heading by striking “AND DEVELOPMENT” and inserting “ACTIVITIES AND OTHER TRANSACTION AUTHORITY”; (2) in subsection (a) in the subsection heading by striking “IN GENERAL” and inserting “RESEARCH ACTIVITIES”; (3) In subsection (c)— (A) in the subsection heading by striking “TRANSACTIONAL AUTHORITY FOR PROTOTYPE PROJECTS” and inserting “TRANSACTION AUTHORITY”; (B) by amending subsection (c) to read as follows: “(c) OTHER TRANSACTION AUTHORITY.— “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary is authorized to enter into transactions (other than contracts, cooperative agreements, or grants) to carry out civil works projects that are directly relevant to the civil works missions and authorities of the Corps of Engineers using authorities provided to the Secretary of Defense or the Secretary of a military department under— “(A) section 2808a of title 10, United States Code— “(i) as if the phrase ‘follow-on production contract or transaction’ refers to a follow-on project contract or transaction under this subsection; and “(ii) except that— “(I) subsections (b), (d), and (e) of such section shall not apply; and “(II) the use of such authority shall not be subject to section 2853 of such title; “(B) section 4021 of title 10, United States Code; and “(C) section 4022 of title 10, United States Code— “(i) as if the phrase ‘follow-on production contract or transaction’ refers to a follow-on project contract or transaction under this subsection; and “(ii) except that subsection (i) of such section shall not apply. “(2) GUIDANCE.—Prior to entering into the first transaction under this subsection after the date of enactment of the Water Resources Development Act of 2026, the Secretary shall update or issue guidance for entering into such transactions (including guidance for follow-on project contracts or transactions). “(3) COMPETITIVE PROCEDURES.—In selecting an entity with which to enter into a transaction under this subsection, the Secretary shall ensure that competitive procedures are used to the maximum extent practicable. “(4) PAYMENT AND PERFORMANCE BONDS.— As a condition of entering into a transaction under this subsection involving the construction, alteration, or repair of a public building or public work, the Secretary shall require the entity primarily responsible for executing the transaction to furnish payment and performance bonds executed by a corporate surety in a manner satisfying the requirements of sections 9304 through 9308 of title 31, United States Code, in amounts and under terms that are equivalent to those required under chapter 31 of title 40, United States Code. “(5) COMPTROLLER GENERAL ACCESS TO INFORMATION.— “(A) EXAMINATION OF RECORDS.—As a condition of any transaction under this subsection that provides for one or more payments that, in total, exceed \$5,000,000, each party to the transaction shall agree to allow the Comptroller General of the United States to access and examine the records of the party, and any other entity that participates in the performance of the transaction, subject to subparagraph (B), upon request by the Comptroller General. “(B) LIMITATIONS.— “(i) PARTIES AND ENTITIES.—Examination of records by the Comptroller General pursuant to subparagraph (A) shall be limited as provided under clause (ii) in the case of a party to a transaction under this subsection, or an entity that participates in the performance of the transaction, if the only transactions that the party or entity, as applicable, entered into with Government entities in the year prior to the date of the transaction were entered into under paragraph (1) or under sections 2808a, 4021 or 4022 of title 10, United States Code. “(ii) RECORDS.—The only records of a party or other entity described in clause (i) that the Comptroller General may examine pursuant to subparagraph (A) are records of the same type as the records that the Government has had the right to examine under the audit access clauses of previous transactions described in such clause that were entered into by the party or entity, as applicable. “(C) WAIVER.—The Head of the Contracting Activity for the Corps of Engineers may waive the applicability of subparagraph (A) to a transaction if the Head of the Contracting Activity for the Corps of Engineers— “(i) determines that it would not be in the public interest to apply the requirement to the transaction; and “(ii) transmits to the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives, and the Comptroller General, before the transaction is entered into, a notification of the waiver, including the rationale for the determination under clause (i). “(D) TIMING.—The Comptroller General may not examine records pursuant to subparagraph (A) more than 3 years after the final payment is made by the United States under the transaction.”; (4) in subsection (d) by inserting “and other civil works projects” before the period at the end; and (5) in subsection (e)— (A) in paragraph (1) by striking “prototype projects” and inserting “transactions for civil works project”; and (B) in paragraph (2)(A)— (i) in clause (iv) by adding “and” after the semicolon; and (ii) by striking clause (vi). Page 211, strike lines 15 through 18.; WAS WITHDRAWN.

An Amendment to the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute to H.R. 9497, offered by Mr. Mast of Florida (Mast 178 Rev1): At the appropriate place, insert the following: SEC. ____ SENSE OF CONGRESS RELATED TO EVERGLADES AGRICULTURAL AREA PROJECT. (a) IN GENERAL.—It is the sense of Congress that the Secretary should, to the maximum extent practicable— (1) meet the expedited construction outlined in the July 18, 2025 Memorandum of Agreement between the State of Florida and Department of the Army for Expediting and Advancing the Restoration of America’s Everglades, for the Everglades Agricultural Area Reservoir, authorized by section 1308 of the Water Resources Development Act of 2018 (132 Stat. 3819; 134 Stat. 2709); (2) incorporate other components of the Central Everglades Planning Project to fully utilize investment and restore the flow of water through the central Everglades and Everglades National Park to Florida Bay; and (3) prepare for and take all necessary steps to review and implement opportunities for expedited construction timelines and operations for remaining everglades restoration projects to achieve objectives, goals, and regional benefits including but not limited to eliminating harmful transfers to the St. Lucie Estuary, and reducing harmful transfers to the Caloosahatchee River Estuary and the Lake Worth Lagoon without causing harm to Lake Okeechobee, Everglades or southern regions, while also protecting and meeting water supply goals south of the lake consistent with congressionally authorized project purposes. (b) SAVINGS PROVISION.—Nothing in this Sense of Congress is intended to, nor shall it be construed or interpreted as altering, amending, prioritizing or supplementing any authorized project purpose. Furthermore, nothing stated here shall be construed as expanding Federal authority or oversight over State waters or environmental programs.; was AGREED TO by voice vote.

An Amendment to the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute to H.R. 9497, offered by Mr. Onder of Missouri (Onder 031): At the end of title I, add the following: SEC. 1__ DEFINITION OF REHABILITATION FOR INLAND WATERWAY PROJECTS. Section 205 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1992 (33 U.S.C. 2327) is amended— (1) in paragraph (1)(A), by striking “facility” and inserting “lock”; and (2) in paragraph (2), by striking “project” and inserting “lock” each place it appears.; was NOT AGREED TO by voice vote.

A unanimous consent request by Mr. Graves of Missouri that H.R. 9497, as amended, be reported as a single Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute incorporating any amendments adopted; was NOT OBJECTED TO.

A unanimous consent request by Mr. Graves of Missouri that staff be authorized to make all necessary technical, clarifying, and conforming changes to H.R. 9497, as amended; was NOT OBJECTED TO.

A motion by Mr. Graves of Missouri that, pursuant to Rule XXII, clause 1, the Committee authorizes the Chairman, or designee, to offer such motions as may be necessary in the House to go to conference with the Senate on H.R. 9497, as amended; was NOT OBJECTED TO.

A unanimous consent request by Mr. Graves of Missouri that, the Chairman, after consultation with the Ranking Member, has authority to strike or revise any provision of the bills ordered reported today that would cause a sequential referral to another committee, or that would cause the bills to concurrent resolutions to be subject to a Budget Act or a Rule 21 CUTGO point of order; was NOT OBJECTED TO.

Pursuant to Rule XI clause 2(l), of the Rules of the House of Representative, the Chairman notes that Members may have two calendar days in which to file any supplemental,

minority, additional, or dissenting views on H.R. 9497, as amended; was NOT
OBJECTED TO.

