

## ENCLOSURE 2 IN No. 107

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WILLIAM E. HULL introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Rivers and Harbours and ordered to be printed

## A BILL

For the improvement of commerce and navigation and to authorize appropriations for the construction of certain public works in the Illinois River, and for other purposes.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That in order to create a navigable waterway nine feet in depth, suitable and sufficient to carry the commerce of the Great Lakes and the Mississippi Valley, the same to extend from Lake Michigan at Chicago, Illinois, to a connection with a nine-foot channel in the Mississippi River at or below the mouth of the Ohio River, the Secretary of War is hereby authorized and directed to improve the Illinois River from the terminus of the Illinois waterway at or near Utica, Illinois, to its confluence with the Mississippi River, and to improve the Mississippi River from the mouth of the Illinois River to the mouth of the Ohio River, so as to provide therein a navigable channel of nine feet in depth and of a width of not less than two hundred feet, such improvement being based upon an increment of not exceeding ten thousand cubic feet per second of water from Lake Michigan through the channels of the sanitary district of Chicago and the Illinois waterway, and to include the removal of the dams and such parts of the locks as may be necessary, heretofore constructed by the Federal Government in the Illinois River at La Grange and Kampsville, Illinois, and also the removal of the dams and such part of the locks as may be necessary heretofore constructed in said river by the State of Illinois at Henry and Copperas Creek: *Provided,* That the said State of Illinois will (as authorized by an act of the general assembly of said State, approved June 21, 1919) convey to the United States such rights and title to the said locks and dams at Henry and Copperas Creek, as may be deemed necessary to permit the removal of the same.

SEC. 2. There is authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$5,000,000, to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of War and the supervision of the Chief of Engineers, for the removal of said dams and such parts of said locks as may be necessary and for the construction of said nine-foot navigable channel from the terminus of the Illinois waterway at or near Utica, Illinois, to connect with the nine-foot channel in the Mississippi River at or below the mouth of the Ohio River. All other Federal projects for the improvement of the Illinois and Mississippi Rivers between the last-referred-to points are hereby modified to conform to the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 3. The State of Illinois is hereby authorized, at its sole cost and expense, to improve the Des Plaines and Illinois Rivers from the terminus of the main channel of the Sanitary District of Chicago at Lock-

port, Illinois, to a connection at or near Utica, Illinois, with the Federal improvements above authorized, and to construct such channels, locks, dams, and other improvements as will secure, based on an increment of not to exceed ten thousand cubic feet of water per second, through the said channels of said sanitary district, a navigable channel of a depth of not less than nine feet of water, with a minimum depth of fourteen feet on all miter sills of all locks constructed by it as a part of such improvement, and is further authorized to modify its plans for the Illinois waterway, heretofore submitted to and approved by the Secretary of War and Chief of Engineers, so far as may be necessary to conform to the general scheme for a nine-foot waterway: *Provided,* That work done in pursuance of said plans shall be subject at all times to the inspection and approval of said Chief of Engineers and Secretary of War.

SEC. 4. The State of Illinois and the Sanitary District of Chicago (a municipal corporation organized under the laws of the State of Illinois, owning and operating certain canals which are navigable channels of adequate depth, connecting through navigable waterways with Lake Michigan), are hereby authorized, jointly or severally, to construct at their own expense and without cost to the United States, at or near the present terminus of the main channel of the said Sanitary District of Chicago, at or near Lockport, Illinois, a suitable lock connecting said sanitary district channel with the Illinois waterway; said lock to be of minimum width of not less than one hundred and ten feet, a minimum usable length of not less than six hundred feet, the minimum depth on miter sills of said lock to be not less than fourteen feet, and said the Sanitary District of Chicago, or its legal successor, is hereby authorized to withdraw from Lake Michigan, through the Chicago and Calumet Rivers and through artificial channels which have been heretofore or may hereafter be constructed and to discharge same into said Illinois waterway, an amount not to exceed ten thousand cubic feet of water per second.

SEC. 5. The amount of water hereby authorized to be withdrawn shall be inclusive of, and not in addition to the amount of water which has been heretofore, or is now, being withdrawn from Lake Michigan by the said the Sanitary District of Chicago, for the purpose of diverting sewage and drainage from Lake Michigan, and keeping the waters at the south end of said lake free from pollution.

The conditions upon which said withdrawal of water by the Sanitary District of Chicago from Lake Michigan, is hereby authorized are as follows:—

(a) That said the Sanitary District of Chicago shall pay into the Treasury of the United States, as and when directed by the Secretary of War, such sum or sums of money as may be estimated by the said Chief of Engineers as hereinafter provided, to be its reasonable share of the cost of constructing, compensating, and/or regulating works in the Saint Clair River and/or in the Niagara River and/or in the Saint Lawrence River at or above Rapide Plat, to compensate and control the water levels in said Great Lakes and their appurtenant rivers, as full and complete compensation for any lowering of water levels of the Great Lakes systems resulting, or to result, from such withdrawal at Chicago.

The said Chief of Engineers shall cause to be prepared, within eighteen months from the passage of this Act, at the cost of said the Sanitary District of Chicago, plans and specifications for, and an estimate of the reasonable cost of constructing such compensating and/or regulating works. Such plans, specifications, and estimated cost shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of War.