

Regular Session, 2010

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 39

BY REPRESENTATIVES ST. GERMAIN, BILLIOT, HENRY BURNS, CHAMPAGNE,  
FOIL, GISCLAIR, GUINN, SAM JONES, MONTOUCET, AND MORRIS

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To approve the Atchafalaya Basin Annual Plan, as adopted by the Atchafalaya Basin Research and Promotion Board.

WHEREAS, R.S. 30:2000.1 et seq., provides for the creation, duties, and responsibilities of the Atchafalaya Basin Program in the office of the secretary of the Department of Natural Resources and the Atchafalaya Basin Research and Promotion Board; and

WHEREAS, public participation in the development of the Atchafalaya Basin Annual Plan is essential to the success of the Atchafalaya Basin Program; and

WHEREAS, public participation in the development of the Atchafalaya Basin Annual Plan was fostered by public meetings that were held on August 11, 2009, in Plaquemine, Louisiana, on August 13, 2009, in Henderson, Louisiana, and on August 17, 2009, in Morgan City, Louisiana, to elicit public suggestions for projects to be considered for the Atchafalaya Basin Annual Plan; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to R.S. 30:2000.11, a Technical Advisory Group has been appointed to review, evaluate, and approve all water management and water quality projects proposed for inclusion in an annual plan to determine if the project meets the criteria for inclusion in the Atchafalaya Basin Annual Plan, and make recommendations to the Atchafalaya Basin Research and Promotion Board; and

WHEREAS, water quality projects that were suggested by the public were reviewed, evaluated, and selected projects approved for inclusion in the Atchafalaya Basin Annual Plan at meetings held on July 1, 2009, August 27, 2009, September 17, 2009, and October 1, 2009, by the Technical Advisory Group as required by R.S. 30:2000.11(B); and

WHEREAS, an additional opportunity for public participation in the process of developing the Atchafalaya Basin Annual Plan was provided through public meetings held on November 19, 2009, in Plaquemine, Louisiana, on November 23, 2009, in Henderson, Louisiana, and on November 23, 2009, in Morgan City, Louisiana to facilitate public review and the receipt of comments on the draft Atchafalaya Basin Annual Plan from members of the public; and

WHEREAS, the Atchafalaya Basin Research and Promotion Board at a public meeting held on December 2, 2009, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, after receiving and considering the comments of the public, and the recommendations of the Atchafalaya Basin Program staff, unanimously approved the recommended modifications; and

WHEREAS, the Atchafalaya Basin Annual Plan was submitted on December 9, 2009, to the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA) pursuant to R.S. 30:2000.11(E) for their review and approval as consistent with the Master Plan for Coastal Protection and Restoration for a Sustainable Coast and was unanimously approved by the CPRA on January 27, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Atchafalaya Basin Research and Promotion Board, as required by R.S. 30:2000.11(D) at a public meeting held on February 4, 2010, considered and unanimously approved the proposed Atchafalaya Basin Annual Plan, as modified; and

WHEREAS, such committees must take action on the Atchafalaya Basin Annual Plan, and the legislature may approve or disapprove the Atchafalaya Basin Annual Plan by resolution adopted by a majority vote of the members of each house of the legislature; and

WHEREAS, the Atchafalaya Basin Annual Plan shall not be effective or implemented unless both houses of the legislature approve the annual plan or fail to disapprove the annual plan; and

WHEREAS, the secretary shall implement the Atchafalaya Basin Annual Plan, commensurate with funding provided, if the legislature approves the plan or if the legislature fails to timely disapprove of the plan.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby approve the Atchafalaya Basin Annual Plan for Fiscal Year 2010-2011, as presented by the secretary of the Department of Natural Resources and adopted by the Atchafalaya Basin Research and Promotion Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the secretary of the Department of Natural Resources and the Atchafalaya Basin Research and Promotion Board.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE