

Regular Session, 2010

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 7

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEGER

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To suspend until sixty days after final adjournment of the 2011 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana the provisions of R.S. 49:214.6.6, relative to the Infrastructure Priority Program.

WHEREAS, R.S. 49:214.6.6 establishes the Infrastructure Priority Program which is a program of the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority that is similar to other priority programs in the Department of Transportation and Development whereby political subdivisions requesting state funding for local infrastructure projects submit an application containing relevant information about the project; and

WHEREAS, the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority is required to review the applications for infrastructure projects and establish a priority list for those projects; and

WHEREAS, funding for these local infrastructure projects is anticipated to be from revenues dedicated to the coastal areas of the state of Louisiana under the provisions of the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act (GOMESA) of 2006, but revenues from GOMESA are not anticipated to be available to the state until Fiscal Year 2011-2012 or later; and

WHEREAS, the statutes require submission of applications, review of requests, and public hearings relative to requests, all of which are costly activities which would be mandated even though there is no possibility of a funding source at this time; and

WHEREAS, suspending the statutory requirements for local infrastructure project applications, review, and public hearings until such time as funds are actually going to be available would be the more prudent and responsible action by the state at this time.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana hereby suspends the provisions of R.S. 49:214.6.6 relative to the Infrastructure Priority Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this suspension shall become effective upon adoption of this Resolution and shall extend through the sixtieth day after final adjournment of the 2011 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE