

# State of South Dakota

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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1013

Introduced by: Representatives Jensen, Boomgarden, Bradford, Brunner, Buckingham, Cutler, Davis, Deadrick, Dennert, Dykstra, Faehn, Frost, Fryslie, Garnos, Gassman, Gillespie, Glenski, Glover, Hackl, Haley, Halverson, Hanks, Hargens, Haverly, Heineman, Hennies, Hills, Howie, Hunhoff, Hunt, Jerke, Klaudt, Koistinen, Kraus, Krebs, Kroger, Lange, McCoy, McLaughlin, Michels, Miles, Murschel, Nelson, Novstrup, O'Brien, Olson (Ryan), Pederson (Gordon), Putnam, Rausch, Rhoden, Roberts, Rounds, Schafer, Sebert, Sigdestad, Street, Thompson, Tidemann, Tornow, Turbiville, Valandra, Van Etten, Van Norman, Vehle, Weems, and Wick and Senators Schoenbeck, Abdallah, Adelstein, Apa, Bartling, Bogue, Broderick, Dempster, Duenwald, Duniphan, Earley, Gant, Gray, Greenfield, Hansen (Tom), Hanson (Gary), Hundstad, Kelly, Kloucek, Knudson, Koetzle, Kooistra, Koskan, Lintz, McCracken, McNenny, Moore, Napoli, Nesselhuf, Olson (Ed), Peterson (Jim), Smidt, Sutton (Dan), Sutton (Duane), and Two Bulls

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Requesting the Congress of the United States to direct the  
2 Corps of Engineers to address and rectify the problems caused by the accumulation of  
3 sediment in the Missouri River main stem reservoirs.

4 WHEREAS, the Fort Peck Dam, Garrison Dam, Oahe Dam, Big Bend Dam, Fort Randall  
5 Dam, and Gavins Point Dam and their associated reservoirs were improved or constructed under  
6 the Flood Control Act of 1944; and

7 WHEREAS, the Missouri River dams were constructed to provide numerous benefits,  
8 including flood control, hydropower generation, irrigation and domestic water supply,  
9 recreation, and fish and wildlife; and



1 WHEREAS, the Corps of Engineers' 2004 Annual Operating Plan Summary of Engineering  
2 Data (line 37) shows a total annual sediment inflow into the reservoirs of 92,500 acre-feet per  
3 year; and

4 WHEREAS, the accumulation of sediment in the reservoirs since they began operation has  
5 resulted in the loss of over four million five hundred thousand acre-feet of storage, which is the  
6 equivalent of one thousand square miles of storage seven feet deep; and

7 WHEREAS, the benefits of the Missouri River dams accrue to all of the United States of  
8 America; and

9 WHEREAS, the Missouri River and its dams and reservoirs are a national resource; and

10 WHEREAS, the Corps of Engineers, the federal agency assigned the task of operating and  
11 maintaining the dams, does not specifically address sediment management in its Annual  
12 Operation and Maintenance Plan; and

13 WHEREAS, the extension of the life of and benefits provided by the Missouri River dams  
14 and reservoirs to the greatest extent possible is of major importance to the United States:

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Eightieth  
16 Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the Legislature of  
17 the State of South Dakota hereby requests the Congress of the United States of America to direct  
18 the Corps of Engineers to immediately begin work to extend the life of the reservoirs into  
19 perpetuity through addressing and rectifying the sediment problem, adopting a life cycle  
20 financial analysis, and altering or eliminating the requirements of benefit/cost ratio analysis; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to President  
22 George W. Bush, the Speaker and Minority leader of the United States House of  
23 Representatives, the Majority Leader and the Minority leader of the United States Senate, Corps  
24 of Engineers General Grissoli, Senator Tim Johnson, Senator John Thune, Representative

1 Stephanie Herseth, and the Governors of the states of Montana, North Dakota, and Nebraska.