

Senate Memorial

A memorial to the Congress of the United States, urging Congress to authorize improvements to bring the Herbert Hoover Dike into compliance with current levee protection safety standards and to authorize funding to expedite the improvements.

WHEREAS, Lake Okeechobee was impacted by four hurricanes during the 2004 and 2005 hurricane seasons, and

WHEREAS, subsequently, at the request of local community leaders, the South Florida Water Management District Governing Board implemented an independent report on the Herbert Hoover Dike surrounding Lake Okeechobee, and

WHEREAS, the report found that the dike does not meet current levee protection safety standards, which constitutes a failure of the structure, and

WHEREAS, the failure of the structure poses a clear and imminent threat of catastrophic proportion to the communities surrounding Lake Okeechobee, and

WHEREAS, the dike was not built to current levee engineering standards and is therefore not authorized by Congress to be brought into compliance to such standards, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

That the Congress of the United States is requested to authorize improvements to bring the Herbert Hoover Dike into compliance with current levee protection safety standards by 2014 and to authorize funding to expedite the improvements.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
2 dispatched to the President of the United States, to the
3 President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the
4 United States House of Representatives, and to each member of
5 the Florida delegation to the United States Congress.
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