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**HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE MARKS UP, PASSES
FY27 ENERGY & WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS BILL**
***Montgomery Lock funded to completion,
Lock & Dam 25 to receive \$250 million***

Yesterday, the House Appropriations Committee marked up and passed the Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 Energy & Water Development (E&WD) and Related Agencies appropriations bill, which included approximately \$9.8 billion for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Civil Works mission, an increase of \$3.14 billion from the President's budget request of \$6.66 billion. The Committee noted it is encouraged that the Corps included funding in the FY27 budget request for inland waterways construction for the first time since FY23.

The Committee recommended \$2.4 billion for Construction, including \$417.2 million with at least \$104.3 million coming from the Inland Waterways Trust Fund (IWTF) for two inland construction projects:

- Upper Mississippi River - Illinois Waterway System (NESP, Lock and Dam 25): \$250,000,000- requested by REPs Sam Graves (MO-06), Nikki Budzinski (IL-13), and Eric Sorensen (IL-17)
- Upper Ohio, Montgomery Lock (Ohio River): \$167,200,000- requested by REPs Chris Deluzio (PA-17) and Guy Reschenthaler (PA-14)

Report language for Gulf Intracoastal Waterway (GIWW)–Brazos River Floodgates was included. The Corps is reminded that this project is eligible to compete for additional funding provided in this account and encouraged to include appropriate funding for the Brazos River Floodgates in future budget submissions.

The Operations and Maintenance account was allocated \$6.255 billion, an increase of \$4.14 billion from the President's FY27 request of approximately \$2.12 billion, specifically for:

- Missouri River Sioux City to the Mouth, IA, KS, MO & NE: +\$6,300,000 (total of \$24.68M) requested by Rep. Sam Graves (MO-06)
- Mississippi River Between MO River and Minneapolis- Rock Island District: +\$20,000,000 (total of \$95.9 million) requested by Rep. Mary Miller (IL-15)
- Mississippi River Between MO River and Minneapolis- St. Louis District: +\$11,600,000 (total of \$46.3 million) requested by Rep. Bob Onder (MO-03)

The Investigations account received \$175 million, up \$137 million from the FY27 President's budget request of \$38 million (a separate \$23 million was also requested for investigations activities under the MR&T account), specifically for:

- J. Bennett Johnston Waterway, LA: \$400,000
- GIWW - Brazos River Floodgates and Colorado Lock, TX: \$2,850,000

Mississippi River and Tributaries (MR&T) was allocated \$470 million, an increase of \$308 million above the President's FY27 budget request of \$162 million, specifically for:

- Channel Improvements, AR, IL, KY, LA, MS, MO, TN: \$38,573,000
- Helena Harbor, Philips County, AR: \$612,000
- Greenville Harbor, MS: \$1,366,000
- Vicksburg Harbor, MS: \$1,077,000
- Memphis Harbor, TN: \$2,573,000

“As partners to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, we are elated at the strong funding levels provided by Congress for Fiscal Year 2027, and funding to complete Montgomery Lock and the \$250 million toward Lock & Dam 25 in the E&WD appropriations bill,” said Tracy Zea, President & CEO, Waterways Council, Inc. “Now is a critical time for the inland waterways and it is extremely important that the Corps, industry, and Congress work together. This bill is a strong statement that underscores that.”