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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 149

Establishing a joint subcommittee to study funding mechanisms for periodic channel maintenance dredging.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 8, 1996

Agreed to by the Senate, February 21, 1996

WHEREAS, keeping small harbors and navigational channels open is critical to the economic and recreational interests of the Commonwealth and localities; and

WHEREAS, funding for such maintenance has been in-part paid through programs of the United States Army Corps of Engineers; and

WHEREAS, funding for the Army Corps of Engineers has been critical to the ability of localities to keep channels and harbors open for commerce and recreational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, funding for channel maintenance through the Corps is in danger of being cut off due to financial circumstances at the federal level; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That a joint subcommittee be established to study and make recommendations on new sources and mechanisms for funding channel maintenance dredging. The joint subcommittee shall be composed of 5 members: 3 shall be members of the House of Delegates to be appointed by the Speaker of the House; and 2 shall be members of the Senate to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections.

The direct costs of this study shall not exceed \$3,000.

The Division of Legislative Services shall provide staff support for the study. All agencies of the Commonwealth shall provide assistance to the joint subcommittee, upon request.

The joint subcommittee shall complete its work in time to submit its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the 1997 Session of the General Assembly as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the processing of legislative documents.

Implementation of this resolution is subject to subsequent approval and certification by the Joint Rules Committee. The Committee may withhold expenditures or delay the period for the conduct of the study.

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