

ENROLLED SENATE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 60

By: Helton and Maddox of the
Senate

and

Benson, Deutschendorf,
Kirby and Glover of the
House

A Concurrent Resolution providing for the appointment of the Cache Creek Water Supply and Flood Impact Study Committee; providing for membership; providing for travel expense reimbursement; stating purpose; and requiring certain report.

WHEREAS, Lake Ellsworth and Lake Lawtonka are vital to the economic growth and stability and the public health and welfare of the City of Lawton and the rural water districts who rely on the City of Lawton's public water supply treatment and distribution capacity in order to supply water for their service areas, and, furthermore, are vital to the future growth and expansion of Southwest Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, a study and review of the hydrological characteristics of streams in the Cache Creek basin and the impact of the operation of Lake Lawtonka and Lake Ellsworth are necessary in order to consider alternatives for maximizing the water supply and recreation capacity of both lakes for the long-range needs of the region and for minimizing the impact of flooding in the agricultural areas near Cache Creek in Comanche and Cotton counties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 47TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives appoint a legislative task force to be known as the Cache Creek Water Supply and Flood Impact Study Committee.

THAT the Study Committee include the following members:

1. One representative from the City of Lawton to be chosen by the Lawton City Council;
2. One representative each from the Comanche County Conservation District and the Cotton County Conservation District to be chosen by the respective district's board of directors;

3. The Executive Director of the Oklahoma Water Resources Board, or the Director's designee;

4. Legislative members who represent districts affected by the water supply, recreational use, and flooding impact of Cache Creek, Lake Ellsworth and Lake Lawtonka; and

6. Such other members as deemed necessary by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

THAT legislative members of the Study Committee receive reimbursement for necessary travel expenses pursuant to Section 456 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes and nonlegislative members receive reimbursement for necessary travel expenses pursuant to the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

THAT the Study Committee study and review the hydrological characteristics of streams in the Cache Creek basin and the impact of the operation of Lake Lawtonka and Lake Ellsworth and consider alternatives available for maximizing the water supply and recreation capacity of these lakes for the long-range needs of the region and for minimizing the impact of flooding in the agricultural areas near Cache Creek in Comanche and Cotton counties.

THAT the Study Committee report its findings and recommendations for legislation, if any, to the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by December 31, 1999.

Passed the Senate the 28th day of May, 1999.

President of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 28th day of May, 1999.

Speaker of the House of Representatives