

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 CONCURRENT
3 RESOLUTION NO. 1026

By: Jones, Rousselot, Derby and
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Senate

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9 A Concurrent Resolution expressing opposition to the
10 proposed lockage fee which will disproportionately
11 impact certain shippers; and directing distribution.

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13 WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Oklahoma strongly
14 supports the continued improvement and development of the McClellan-
15 Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System to insure its continued
16 viability; and

17 WHEREAS, navigation improvements are currently cost-shared
18 between the federal government paying fifty percent and the
19 waterways industry paying fifty percent, the industry's share being
20 funded by a tax of twenty cents per gallon on diesel fuel consumed
21 by the barge and towing industry; and

22 WHEREAS, President Obama's budget contains a provision whereby
23 the existing fuel tax is replaced with a lockage fee that will
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1 disproportionately impact shippers on the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas
2 River Navigation System with its 18 locks and dams; and

3 WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Oklahoma does not
4 believe that changing the funding method from a fuel tax to a
5 lockage fee is in the best interest of the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas
6 River Navigation System.

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
8 OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE
9 CONCURRING THEREIN:

10 THAT the Legislature of the State of Oklahoma hereby expresses
11 its opposition to the proposed lockage fee which will
12 disproportionately impact shippers on the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas
13 River Navigation System.

14 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to President
15 Barack Obama, Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, President of the
16 Senate Joseph Biden, and each member of the Oklahoma Congressional
17 delegation.

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