

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 52nd Legislature (2009)

3 HOUSE CONCURRENT  
4 RESOLUTION 1026

By: Jones and Rousselot of the  
House

5 and

6 Coffee and Brogdon of the  
7 Senate

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9 AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

23 WHEREAS, President Obama's budget contains a provision whereby  
24 the existing fuel tax is replaced with a lockage fee that will

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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