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Subject: WRDA Language

David/Todd,

Wanted to bring the attached WRDA amendment language to your attention. This was offered by Isakson and Perdue as a vehicle to improve the fish by-pass mitigation feature in SHEP while also insuring that the pool of water help by the New Savannah Bluff Lock and Dam is not compromised due to the currently very poor condition of that dam. This language has not necessarily been perfected yet, but was a last minute inclusion in WRDA before it passed the Senate. If you or other constituents have any questions on this, we are happy to help answer them.

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AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To deauthorize the New Savannah Bluff Lock and Dam, Georgia and South Carolina.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—114th Cong., 2d Sess.

S. 2848

To provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and ordered to be printed

Ordered to lie on the table and to be printed

AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by
Mr. Isakson for himself and Mr. Perdue

Viz:

1 At the appropriate place in section 5001 (relating to
2 deauthorizations), insert the following:

3 () NEW SAVANNAH BLUFF LOCK AND DAM, GEOR-
4 GIA AND SOUTH CAROLINA.—

5 (1) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

6 (A) NEW SAVANNAH BLUFF LOCK AND
7 DAM.—The term “New Savannah Bluff Lock
8 and Dam” has the meaning given the term in
9 section 348(l)(1) of the Water Resources Devel-
10 opment Act of 2000 (114 Stat. 2630) (as in ef-

1 fect on the day before the date of enactment of
2 this Act).

3 (B) PROJECT.—The term “Project” means
4 the project for navigation, Savannah Harbor ex-
5 pansion, Georgia, authorized by section 7002(1)
6 of the Water Resources Reform and Develop-
7 ment Act of 2014 (128 Stat. 1364).

8 (2) DEAUTHORIZATION.—

9 (A) IN GENERAL.—Effective beginning on
10 the date of enactment of this Act—

11 (i) the New Savannah Bluff Lock and
12 Dam is deauthorized; and

13 (ii) notwithstanding section
14 348(l)(2)(B) of the Water Resources De-
15 velopment Act of 2000 (114 Stat. 2630;
16 114 Stat. 2763A–228) (as in effect on the
17 day before the date of enactment of this
18 Act) or any other provision of law, the
19 New Savannah Bluff Lock and Dam shall
20 not be conveyed to the city of North Au-
21 gusta and Aiken County, South Carolina,
22 or any other non-Federal entity.

23 (B) REPEAL.—Section 348 of the Water
24 Resources Development Act of 2000 (114 Stat.
25 2630; 114 Stat. 2763A–228) is amended—

- 1 (i) by striking subsection (l); and
2 (ii) by redesignating subsections (m)
3 and (n) as subsections (l) and (m), respec-
4 tively.

5 (3) PROJECT MODIFICATIONS.—

6 (A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any
7 other provision of law, the Project is modified
8 to include, as the Secretary determines to be
9 necessary—

10 (i)(I) repair of the lock wall of the
11 New Savannah Bluff Lock and Dam and
12 modification of the structure such that the
13 structure is able—

14 (aa) to maintain the pool for
15 navigation, water supply, and rec-
16 reational activities, as in existence on
17 the date of enactment of this Act; and

18 (bb) to allow safe passage via a
19 rock ramp over the structure to his-
20 toric spawning grounds of Shortnose
21 sturgeon, Atlantic sturgeon, and other
22 migratory fish; or

23 (II)(aa) construction at an appro-
24 priate location across the Savannah River
25 of a rock weir that is able to maintain the

1 pool for water supply and recreational ac-
2 tivities, as in existence on the date of en-
3 actment of this Act; and

4 (bb) removal of the New Savannah
5 Bluff Lock and Dam on completion of con-
6 struction of the weir; and

7 (ii) conveyance by the Secretary to
8 Augusta-Richmond County, Georgia, of the
9 park and recreation area adjacent to the
10 New Savannah Bluff Lock and Dam, with-
11 out consideration.

12 (B) OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE
13 COSTS.—The Federal share of the costs of oper-
14 ation and maintenance of any Project feature
15 constructed pursuant to subparagraph (A) shall
16 be 100 percent.