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SENATE PASSES ENERGY AND WATER APPROPRIATIONS BILL

Sen. Landrieu secures Alexandria funding.

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Senate passed the Energy and Water Appropriations bill last night in a 92-3 vote. Upon the vote, Sen. Mary L. Landrieu, D-La., announced \$38.8 million in funding for projects in Alexandria and the surrounding area in the bill.

“The increase in funding that we secured in committee is significant and will accelerate our flood control and navigation and coastal protection programs,” said Sen. Landrieu.

The Senate bill funds 107 Louisiana projects sponsored by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 9 of which are in the Alexandria area. The Senate bill represents twice as many projects and 34 percent more funding for Louisiana projects than the President requested, and 43 percent more funding and more than twice as many projects than was included in the House bill.

Sen. Landrieu is a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee that passed the \$31.25 billion bill, as well as the Energy and Water Appropriations Subcommittee that passed the bill last month. The Energy and Water Appropriations bill funds the civil works projects of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Department of Energy and other programs.

“It is my hope that during the conference of this bill we will be able to keep the Senate numbers in,” Sen. Landrieu said. “The higher funding in the Senate bill will mean more protection for Louisiana’s coast and other important navigation and flood control projects in Louisiana.”

Some of the projects in the Alexandria area in the Energy and Water Appropriations bill include:

- **\$15,000,000 for additional channel training works and purchase of mitigation lands for navigation purpose on the J. Bennett Johnston Waterway**
- **\$4,000,000 for the Red River Below Denison Dam Project**
- **\$6,000,000 for the Red River Emergency Bank Project**
- **\$100,000 for the Cocodrie Bayou**

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- \$10,000 for Old River North
- \$10,000 for the Wild Cow Bayou
- \$13,115,000 for performing repairs to revetments, locks and dams on the J. Bennett Johnston Waterway
- \$500,000 for studying to feasibility of reducing flooding in Alexandria
- \$66,000 for the Lower Red River and South Bank Levees

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