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SENATE PASSES ENERGY AND WATER APPROPRIATIONS

Sen. Landrieu secures Monroe 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 \$19.5 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, 10 of which are in the Monroe 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 week. 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 Monroe area in the Energy and Water Appropriations bill include:

- **\$1,000,000 for the Ouachita River Levees Project**
- **\$469,000 for bank stabilization at Bayou Macon at Poverty Point**
- **\$130,000 for a study on restoring aquatic habitat within Lake St. Joseph**
- **\$80,000 for a bank stabilization project on the Ouachita River**
- **\$491,000 for the Lake Providence Harbor**

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- **\$86,000 for the Madison Parish Port**
- **\$10,400,000 to inspect the Jonesville lock on the Ouachita and Black Rivers**
- **\$250,000 for the Tensas River Basin**
- **\$2,600,000 for routine operations and maintenance of the Tensas Basin, Boeuf and Tensas Rivers**
- **\$3,950,000 for continued work on the pumping plant and drainage structure operations of the Tensas Basin and Red River Backwater**

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