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**HOUSE
RESOLUTION No. ____**

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A RESOLUTION urging the establishment of an interim study committee on the Indiana Harbor Ship Canal.

Whereas, The U.S. Army Corp of Engineers is engaged in a major project involving the maintenance dredging of the Indiana Harbor Ship Canal; and

Whereas, Residents of the area have expressed concern over the environmental problems that may be associated with the disposal of the dredged material: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. (a) As used in this SECTION, "committee" refers to
2 the Indiana Harbor Ship Canal Maintenance Dredging and Disposal

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- 1 Project study committee proposed under this SECTION.
- 2 (b) As used in this SECTION, "project" refers to the Indiana
3 Harbor Ship Canal Maintenance Dredging and Disposal Project
4 overseen by the United States Army Corps of Engineers.
- 5 (c) The legislative council is urged to establish the Indiana Harbor
6 Ship Canal Maintenance Dredging and Disposal Project study
7 committee. If the committee is established, the legislative council is
8 further urged to direct that the committee operate in conformity with
9 subsections (d) through (j).
- 10 (d) If established, the committee should consist of the following
11 twelve (12) members:
- 12 (1) Two (2) members appointed by the speaker of the house of
13 representatives:
- 14 (A) who are members of the house of representatives;
15 (B) who are not affiliated with the same political party; and
16 (C) at least one (1) of whom represents a house district that
17 has territory that is directly affected by the project.
- 18 (2) Two (2) members appointed by the president pro tempore of
19 the senate:
- 20 (A) who are members of the senate;
21 (B) who are not affiliated with the same political party; and
22 (C) at least one (1) of whom represents a senate district that
23 has territory that is directly affected by the project.
- 24 (3) The following eight (8) members appointed by the governor:
- 25 (A) The mayor of East Chicago.
26 (B) One (1) member of the East Chicago city council.
27 (C) One (1) representative of the department of
28 environmental management.
29 (D) One (1) representative of a nonprofit environmental
30 organization.
31 (E) Four (4) residents of East Chicago.
- 32 (e) If the governor does not make an appointment under subsection
33 (d)(3) before May 1, 2002, the chairman of the legislative council shall
34 make the appointment.
- 35 (f) An appointed member of the committee serves at the pleasure
36 of the appointing authority identified in subsection (d). The appointing
37 authority shall fill any vacancy on the committee within forty-five (45)
38 days. A member may not appoint a proxy or otherwise designate
39 another person to participate in the activities of the committee.
- 40 (g) The chairman of the legislative council shall designate the
41 chairperson of the committee from the membership of the committee.
- 42 (h) The expenses of the committee shall be paid from
43 appropriations made to the legislative council or the legislative services
44 agency.
- 45 (i) The committee shall do the following:



- 1 (1) Study and assess the project.
2 (2) Study the viability of the site the United States Army Corps
3 of Engineers has selected for the project's Confined Disposal
4 Facility.
5 (3) Study the viability of alternative sites for the project's
6 Confined Disposal Facility.
7 (4) Submit its final report before January 1, 2003, to the
8 following:
9 (A) The governor.
10 (B) The executive director of the legislative services
11 agency.
12 (C) The commissioner of the department of environmental
13 management.
14 The committee shall assure that the final report is made readily
15 available to the residents of East Chicago, businesses and
16 industry in East Chicago, and the general public.
17 (j) The legislative services agency shall provide staff support to
18 the committee.
19 SECTION 2. That the committee, if established, shall operate
20 under the direction of the legislative council and that the committee
21 shall issue a final report when directed to do so by the council.

