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**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5012**

As Recommended by House Committee on
Vision 2020

Brief*

HCR 5012 would memorialize the United States Congress and United States Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) to undertake a study of the Missouri River Basin relative to the provisions of the Flood Control Act of 1944 (also known as the Pick-Sloan Act) to gather the information and data necessary to determine if any changes in federal law are warranted.

Any such study would focus on the contemporary needs of the citizens in the states comprising the Missouri River Basin (Kansas, Wyoming, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Iowa, and Missouri) relative to the management and operation of various Corps projects.

The concurrent resolution asks that Congress fund the study; and that the Corps cooperate with the various states in completion of the study.

The concurrent resolution also notes that there have been significant changes since 1944 in the physical, economic, social and environmental circumstances and needs of the citizens of the Missouri River Basin states relative to the management and operation of the Missouri River system.

The Kansas Secretary of State would be required to send enrolled copies of HCR 5012 to various federal officials, including the President of the United States, Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, President of the

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United States Senate, the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, various committee chairs, and each member of the Kansas Congressional delegation.

Background

The concurrent resolution was requested for introduction by the Kansas Water Office and was supported by the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks. Secretary Hayden said that a measure to provide federal funding for the study had already been approved by the United States House of Representatives and was awaiting action by the United States Senate.

The House Vision 2020 Committee has held extensive hearings throughout the 2009 Session on reservoir-related water issues.