

## **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers—Conservation Easements**

**Sub. for HR 6009** expresses support for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (the Corps) accepting conservation easement language for the “Life of the Project” and not for perpetuity. The resolution states conservation easements are needed to protect mitigation areas resulting from the construction of watershed district flood retarding dams that require constant maintenance and management for an extended period of time. “Life of the Project” is defined to include the period of time during which the dam continues to function, and for all practical purposes equates to perpetuity as described by the Corps. The resolution further states it is not necessary for easement language to include perpetuity as the required term of the easement.