

Regular Session, 2001

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 158

BY SENATOR THOMAS AND REPRESENTATIVES NEVERS AND
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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To establish the Washington Parish Reservoir Commission to study the feasibility of developing a reservoir in Washington Parish and to examine and search for potential sites of such a reservoir.

WHEREAS, many citizens of Louisiana enjoy swimming, fishing, boating, water skiing, and other water activities given the easy access to the numerous waterways, both natural and man-made, throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, the creation of a reservoir will offer opportunities for recreational development and serve the growing demand for water-oriented outdoor recreation; and

WHEREAS, the presence of a reservoir will provide another destination for the numerous tourists who visit the state each year; and

WHEREAS, the development of a reservoir in Washington Parish will enhance the quality of life for Louisiana citizens by providing a setting in which citizens may enjoy the company of friends and family; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Washington Parish have a sincere interest in attracting a greater number of tourists to Washington Parish to enjoy its scenic beauty and recreation potential; and

WHEREAS, the developing of a reservoir in the parish of Washington will enhance the economic development of both the parish and the state.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby create the Washington Parish Reservoir Commission for the purposes of studying the feasibility of developing a reservoir in Washington Parish and to examine and search for potential sites of such a reservoir.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the commission shall have the authority to receive any grants to carry out its purposes set forth herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the commission shall submit a written report of its findings and recommendations to the secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development and to the legislature prior to the 2002 Regular Session.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the commission shall be composed of eleven members appointed by the governor as follows:

(1) Three members appointed from a list of names submitted by each member of the legislative delegation representing the parish of Washington.

(2) Seven members, representing each of the seven parish council districts, appointed from a list of names submitted by each of the seven members of the parish council.

(3) One member shall be appointed from a list of names submitted by the parish president.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that members of the commission shall serve without compensation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any vacancy on the commission shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Washington Parish Council, the Washington Parish president, to each member of the legislative delegation from Washington Parish, and to the secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES