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JUN 25 1976

THE WHITE HOUSE

ACTION

WASHINGTON

Last Day for Action: June 25

June 24, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

JIM CANNON

For Jim Cannon

SUBJECT:

Enrolled Joint Resolution S.J. Res. 201
- Dredging for Operation Sail

Attached for your consideration is Enrolled Joint Resolution S.J. Res. 201 - Dredging for Operation Sail. The enrolled resolution would authorize and direct the Secretary of the Army, acting through the Chief of Engineers, to undertake dredging operations in New York City Harbor for Operation Sail. Several of the largest ships are to be displayed at piers in waters of inadequate depth to accommodate them.

A detailed discussion of the provisions of the resolution is provided in OMB's bill report at Tab A.

OMB, NSC, Max Friedersdorf, Counsel's Office (Lazarus), and I recommend approval of the enrolled resolution.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign Enrolled Joint Resolution S.J. Res. 201 at Tab B.

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

JUN 24 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: Enrolled Joint Resolution S.J.Res. 201 - Dredging
for Operation Sail
Sponsors - Sen. Javits (R) New York and
Sen. Buckley (C) New York

Last Day for Action

To be effective, action must be as soon as possible.

Purpose

To authorize and direct the Secretary of the Army, acting through the Chief of Engineers, to undertake dredging operations in New York City Harbor for Operation Sail.

Agency Recommendations

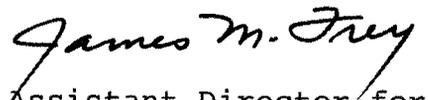
Office of Management and Budget	Approval
Department of the Army	Approval (Informally)
Environmental Protection Agency	Approval (Informally)

Discussion

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Several of the largest ships are to be displayed at piers in waters of inadequate depth to accommodate them. To meet this problem, S.J.Res. 201 would authorize the Secretary of the Army, acting through the Chief of Engineers, to dredge these waters to a depth of eighteen feet. The cost of this dredging is estimated to be about \$100,000 which the resolution authorizes to be expended from funds now available to the Corps of Engineers for operation and maintenance purposes in New York Harbor.

The enrolled resolution does not contain the customary provisions requiring local interests to assume any liability growing out of dredging operations. However, the absence of such provision does not provide an appropriate basis for veto of the resolution, and the Corps of Engineers has indicated its intention to take great care in carrying out the proposed dredging in the vicinity of the piers.


Assistant Director for
Legislative Reference

Enclosures

THE WHITE HOUSE

ACTION MEMORANDUM

WASHINGTON

LOG NO.:

Date: June 24

Time: 100pm

FOR ACTION: Judy Hope ^{-OK}
 Max Friedersdorf ^{-OK} (for information): Jack Marsh
 Ken Lazarus ^{-OK} Jim Cavanaugh
 NSC/S George Humphreys ^{-OK} Ed Schmults

FROM THE STAFF SECRETARY

DUE: Date:

June 24

Time:

asap

SUBJECT:

S.J. Res. 201 - Dredging Operations for Operation Sail

ACTION REQUESTED:

For Necessary Action

For Your Recommendations

Prepare Agenda and Brief

Draft Reply

For Your Comments

Draft Remarks

REMARKS:

Please return to Judy Johnston, Ground Fl. WW

PLEASE ATTACH THIS COPY TO MATERIAL SUBMITTED.

If you have any questions or if you anticipate a delay in submitting the required material, please telephone the Staff Secretary immediately.

K. R. COLE, JR.
For the President

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For the President

Signed

6-25-76

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To: J. Casper
6-24-76
4:30 p.m.



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James M. Frey
Assistant Director for
Legislative Reference

Enclosures

Mr. J. -

6/25

For the bill file, pls.

Thanks.

Kate

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No objection -- Ken Lazarus 6/24/76

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James M. Cannon
For the President

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

June 24, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: JAMES M. CANNON
FROM: Jeanne W. Davis *WJD*
SUBJECT: *J* S.J. Res. 201

The NSC Staff concurs in Enrolled Joint Resolution S. J. Res. 201 -
Dredging for Operation Sail.



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

JUN 29 1976

OFFICE OF THE
ADMINISTRATOR

Dear Mr. Lynn:

This is in response to your request of June 23, 1976, for the Environmental Protection Agency's views and comments on a joint resolution, S.J. Res. 201. The purpose of this resolution is "To authorize and direct the Secretary of the Army, acting through the Chief of Engineers, to undertake dredging operations for Operation Sail."

One of the major Bicentennial activities is Operation Sail. It involves almost every four-masted sailing ship in the world as well as many smaller vessels and a display and review of United States and foreign naval vessels. These sailing ships are scheduled to be berthed in basins and marinas throughout the New York/New England area. Four of the most significant sailing vessels are scheduled for berthing in the South Street Museum area of downtown New York City.

Because some of the docking areas for the ships are not of adequate depth, S.J. Res. 201 authorizes the Army Corps of Engineers to dredge New York Harbor in the vicinity of the South Street Seaport Museum, Manhattan, New York, to an authorized depth of eighteen feet.

We have appreciated the opportunity to review this legislation. The Environmental Protection Agency has no objection to S.J. Res. 201.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Russell E. Train".

Russell E. Train
Administrator

Honorable James T. Lynn
Director, Office of
Management and Budget
Washington, D.C. 20503

6/25

Mr. J. -

To add to the bill

file, pls. Thanks. Kate

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

this needs to be signed by the President asap so that dredging is done before the tall ships come in to New York harbor over the 4th of July weekend.

Judy 6/24

OPERATION SAIL

JUNE 18, 1976.—Ordered to be printed

Mr. RANDOLPH (for Mr. Buckley), from the Committee on Public Works, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S.J. Res. 201]

The Committee on Public Works, to which was referred the joint resolution (S.J. Res. 201) to authorize and direct the Secretary of the Army, acting through the Chief of Engineers, to undertake dredging operations for Operation Sail, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon without amendment and recommends that the joint resolution do pass.

PURPOSE

This Resolution directs the Secretary of the Army, acting through the Chief of Engineers, to undertake certain minimum dredging adjacent to the authorized Federal channels in New York Harbor in order to facilitate the use of docking areas at the foot of Manhattan Island by several large sailing ships, and therefore to make them available for public visitation. The funds for this work, estimated at less than \$100,000, are available from the operations and maintenance budget of the Corps of Engineers for New York Harbor.

GENERAL STATEMENT

As a part of the Nation's Bicentennial celebration, as many as 200 large sailing ships, including many of the remaining four-masted sailing ships in the world, will visit New York City over the July Fourth weekend. It has been said that more of these majestic "tall ships" will assemble in New York Harbor than at any other single location at any time since the Battle of Trafalgar. An ironic association given the reason for this gathering and the fact that the British won that 1805 battle off the coast of Spain.

While this assemblage of ships is in New York Harbor over the Fourth of July, these vessels are scheduled to be reviewed by Queen Elizabeth II of England and President Ford.

At least four of these older vessels are scheduled to be berthed and open to the public in an area of lower Manhattan near the famous South Street Seaport Museum. But the proposed berths now have a controlling depth of as little as 11 feet; 18 feet is needed to allow these ships to be berthed safely.

The Committee has been informed by the Corps of Engineers that this dredging work can be completed in less than two weeks. Thus, if this resolution is approved quickly, there is every reason to believe that this work can be accomplished in time for the July Fourth Weekend.

COST OF LEGISLATION

Section 252(a) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1970 requires publication in this report of the Committee's estimate of the costs of reported legislation, together with estimates prepared by any Federal agency. Based on information from the Corps of Engineers, \$100,000 will be the maximum cost to carry out the provisions of this Resolution.

Section 403 of the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act requires each reported bill to contain a statement of the cost of such bill prepared by the Congressional Budget Office. Because of the need to file this report quickly, a cost estimate by the Congressional Budget Office is not contained herein.

ROLLCALL VOTES

Section 133 of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1970 and the Rules of the Committee on Public Works require that any rollcall votes be announced in this report. During the Committee's consideration of this measure no rollcall votes were taken. The measure was ordered reported unanimously.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW

In compliance with subsection 4 of rule XXIX of the Standing Rules of the Senate, it is reported that this bill effects no change in existing law.



Ninety-fourth Congress of the United States of America

AT THE SECOND SESSION

*Begun and held at the City of Washington on Monday, the nineteenth day of January,
one thousand nine hundred and seventy-six*

Joint Resolution

To authorize and direct the Secretary of the Army, acting through the Chief of Engineers, to undertake dredging operations for Operation Sail.

Whereas the Congress finds that—

(a) Operation Sail is a major Bicentennial activity and an international undertaking involving almost every four-masted sailing ship in the world plus many smaller vessels and a display and review of United States and foreign naval vessels. The President of the United States and the Queen of England are scheduled to participate in this activity;

(b) on or about July 3, 1976, approximately two hundred unique sailing ships representing many nations of the world are scheduled to arrive in New York Harbor and surrounding waters to commemorate the United States Bicentennial;

(c) the sailing ships will be berthed in basins and marinas throughout the New York/New England area for public display and visits. Four of the most significant sailing vessels are scheduled for berthing in the South Street Museum area of downtown New York City which is the focal point of this major Bicentennial event;

(d) some docking areas for the ships participating in Operation Sail are of inadequate depth;

(e) the United States Army Corps of Engineers currently maintains New York Harbor and surrounding waters for navigation purposes and has the capability of providing adequate docking depths for the ships of Operation Sail; and

(f) the United States Army Corps of Engineers has extensive knowledge of the technical and environmental aspects of dredging in the New York area and can apply this expertise to the dredging required in the areas proposed for the docking of the ships of Operation Sail: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Army, acting through the Chief of Engineers, is hereby authorized and directed to dredge New York Harbor in the vicinity of the South Street Seaport Museum, Manhattan, New York, to an authorized depth of eighteen feet for the purpose of providing adequate docking depth for ships of Operation Sail.

The Secretary of the Army, acting through the Chief of Engineers, is authorized to use any funds presently available to him for operation and maintenance of navigation in New York Harbor and surrounding waters to carry out the work authorized by this resolution presently estimated to cost \$100,000.

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

*Vice President of the United States and
President of the Senate.*