

HR 9497

Water Resources Development Act of 2026

Congress: 119 (2025–2027, Current)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Water Resources Development

Introduced: Jun 29, 2026

Current Status: Received in the Senate.

Latest Action: Received in the Senate. (Sep 17, 2026)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Graves, Sam [R-MO-6]

Party: Republican • **State:** MO • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Collins, Mike [R-GA-10]	R · GA		Jun 29, 2026
Rep. Larsen, Rick [D-WA-2]	D · WA		Jun 29, 2026
Rep. Wilson, Frederica S. [D-FL-24]	D · FL		Jun 29, 2026

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 29, 2026
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 30, 2026
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Discharged from	Jul 14, 2026

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Water Resources Development

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
119 HR 10387	Related bill	Oct 1, 2026: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E1001)
119 HR 10383	Related bill	Sep 15, 2026: Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.
119 HR 10386	Related bill	Sep 15, 2026: Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

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This bill authorizes and modifies certain water resource infrastructure projects and programs of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and makes related requirements. For example, the bill authorizes and modifies various water resources feasibility studies and projects of the Corps of Engineers, such as studies or projects to

- maintain ports and harbors,
- make certain waterways more navigable,
- reduce flood and storm damage,
- restore aquatic ecosystems and protect fish and wildlife,
- protect shorelines,
- address harmful algal blooms,
- rehabilitate dams,
- manage recreational sites and facilities,
- support water supply and storage projects, and
- support other water resources infrastructure.

The bill also directs the Corps of Engineers to establish an Office on Alternative Delivery Methods in order to accelerate project delivery of infrastructure.

In addition, the bill directs the Corps of Engineers to issue a rule that establishes categorical permissions for certain harbor or river improvements that will cause only minimal adverse environmental effects.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 17, 2026:** Received in the Senate.
- **Sep 16, 2026:** Mr. Graves moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Sep 16, 2026:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H5850-5893)
- **Sep 16, 2026:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 9497.
- **Sep 16, 2026:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Sep 16, 2026:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H5959-5960)
- **Sep 16, 2026:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 415 - 9 (Roll no. 313).
- **Sep 16, 2026:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 415 - 9 (Roll no. 313). (text: CR H5850-5888)
- **Sep 16, 2026:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 16, 2026:** Considered under suspension of the rules.
- **Sep 16, 2026:** Considered as unfinished business.
- **Sep 16, 2026:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 415 - 9 (Roll no. 313).
- **Sep 3, 2026:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H. Rept. 119-795.
- **Sep 3, 2026:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 695.
- **Jul 14, 2026:** Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment Discharged
- **Jul 14, 2026:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held
- **Jul 14, 2026:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 66 - 0.
- **Jun 30, 2026:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.
- **Jun 29, 2026:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 29, 2026:** Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

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