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4 **House Concurrent Resolution No. 5008**

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6 By Committee on Environment

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10 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging the Congress of the United
11 States to provide funding to the United States Army Corps of Engi-
12 neers to study reallocation of storage space from the flood control pool
13 to the conservation pool in John Redmond Lake in Coffey County,
14 Kansas ***[and memorializing the Congress of the United States re-***
15 ***garding the high cost of prescription drugs].***

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17 ***[Section 1.]*** WHEREAS, The United States Army Corps of Engi-
18 neers constructed John Redmond Dam on the Neosho River in Coffey
19 County, Kansas, for the purposes of flood control, water supply, water
20 quality, recreation and fish and wildlife; and

21 WHEREAS, The State of Kansas signed contracts with the United
22 States Army Corps of Engineers in 1975 and 1996 for the purchase of all
23 available water supply storage space in the conservation pool of John
24 Redmond Lake; and

25 WHEREAS, The State of Kansas has signed contracts with users for
26 water supply from storage space in the conservation pool of John Red-
27 mond Lake; and

28 WHEREAS, Article 1 paragraph (f) of federal contract DACW56-75-
29 C-0029 and Article 1 paragraph (e) (1) of federal contract DACW56-96-
30 WS-0003 both indicate sedimentation surveys will be completed by the
31 United States Army Corps of Engineers “at intervals not to exceed fifteen
32 (15) years”, and when “the findings of such survey indicate any Project
33 purpose will be affected by unanticipated sediment distribution, there
34 shall be an equitable redistribution of the sediment reserve storage space
35 among the purposes served by the Project including” industrial and mu-
36 nicipal water supply; and

37 WHEREAS, Hydrographic surveys of John Redmond Lake indicate
38 that the conservation pool, and corresponding water supply storage space,
39 is filling with sediment faster than was estimated during design of the
40 lake; and

41 WHEREAS, Surveys of the storage contained in John Redmond Lake
42 indicate sediment is entering the flood control pool more slowly than
43 estimated during the design of the lake; and

1 WHEREAS, A reallocation of storage from the flood control pool to
2 the conservation pool would allow for a more equitable distribution of
3 storage and sediment between the pools and allow the State of Kansas to
4 meet the needs of users for a longer period of time: Now, therefore,

5 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas,*
6 *the Senate concurring therein:* That the Legislature of the State of Kan-
7 sas urges the Congress of the United States to provide funding to the
8 United States Army Corps of Engineers to study reallocating storage
9 space from the flood control pool to the conservation pool in John Red-
10 mond Lake in Coffey County, Kansas; and

11 *Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of State is directed to send
12 enrolled copies of this resolution to the President of the United States,
13 George W. Bush; the Chairman of the United States Senate Energy and
14 Water Development Subcommittee, c/o Committee on Appropriations,
15 United States Senate, S-128, The Capitol, Washington, D.C. 20510; the
16 Chairman of the United States House of Representatives Energy and
17 Water Development Subcommittee, 2362 Rayburn House Office Build-
18 ing, Washington, D.C. 20515-6020; and each member of the Kansas Con-
19 gressional Delegation.

20 ***[Sec. 2. WHEREAS, Sales of prescription drugs are expected***
21 ***to exceed more than \$100 billion this year, and of some 55 million***
22 ***Americans many are paying the entire amount for their prescription***
23 ***drugs out-of-pocket. Total spending on prescription drugs has in-***
24 ***creased an average of 12.2% annually since 1993, of which 2.6% is***
25 ***the average in product price increases, 5.8% is attributable to in-***
26 ***creases in utilization and 3.8% because of new products and ther-***
27 ***apies, while the consumer price index has increased an average of***
28 ***2.6% and the average increase for health-care expenditures has***
29 ***been 5.1%. The average cost of new drugs introduced since 1992 is***
30 ***\$71.49, more than twice the average price of \$30.47 for previously***
31 ***existing drugs. As President Clinton has stated, "In a nation burst-***
32 ***ing with prosperity, no senior should have to choose between buying***
33 ***food and buying medicine."*** President Bush has declared prescrip-
34 ***tion drug costs a priority and has proposed that medicare provide***
35 ***subsidies to help seniors purchase prescription drugs from compet-***
36 ***ing private insurers and would commit \$48 billion for state grants***
37 ***in the first four years of the program; and***

38 ***[WHEREAS, Pharmaceutical manufacturers spent an estimated***
39 ***\$1.2 billion in 2000 for direct to consumer advertising. While ad-***
40 ***vertising helps educate patients and encourages patient participa-***
41 ***tion in their own health decisions, such advertising tends to increase***
42 ***utilization of pharmaceutical products and health care costs; and***

43 ***[WHEREAS, While drug manufacturers provide discounts in ex-***

1 *cess of 50% to “preferred buyers”, community retail pharmacies*
2 *receive only nominal volume discounts resulting in the general pub-*
3 *lic paying more for their prescription medication; and*

4 *[WHEREAS, The pharmaceutical industry spends about 20% of*
5 *its revenues on research and development, compared to 4% in other*
6 *industries, with such costs being absorbed mainly by Americans.*
7 *Unlike some foreign countries, the United States has not chosen to*
8 *impose price controls on prescription drugs; and*

9 *[WHEREAS, The surge of prescription drug sales on the Internet*
10 *and through “mail order pharmacies” reflects an attempt by con-*
11 *sumers to obtain needed drugs from any source, domestic or foreign,*
12 *which may place consumers at risk and result in overall poor health*
13 *outcomes: Now, therefore,*

14 *[Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas, the House of Rep-*
15 *resentatives concurring therein: That we memorialize the Congress*
16 *of the United States regarding the high cost of prescription drugs*
17 *to individual consumers and the need for assistance and relief from*
18 *this circumstance; and*

19 *[Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to*
20 *provide an enrolled copy of this resolution to the President pro tem-*
21 *pore of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the United States*
22 *House of Representatives and to each member of the Kansas Con-*
23 *gressional Delegation.]*

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