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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4  
BY COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE  
(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 1002)

A Concurrent Resolution requesting that the President of the United States, the Chief of Engineers and Commander of the United States Corps of Engineers, and the United States Congress take action necessary to provide a spring navigation target flow on the Missouri River that is consistent with the needs of landowners and the region's economy.

WHEREAS, the United States Army Corps of Engineers controls the appropriate navigation target flow and elevation of the Missouri River to carry out a number of purposes, including river traffic, irrigation, wildlife habitat, and flood protection; and

WHEREAS, the United States Army Corps of Engineers is considering modifying its water control plan in order to release substantially more water in the spring and substantially less water in the summer, including at location points at Sioux City, Omaha, Nebraska City, and Kansas City; and

WHEREAS, reservoirs are expected to have capacity sufficient to maintain a constant rate of flow; and

WHEREAS, persons have relied upon the Corps' water control plan, and the river's stable elevation rate for agricultural, industrial, commercial, and residential purposes that constitute a vital part of the region's economy and the livelihood and security of its residents; and

WHEREAS, the river's constant rate of flow is

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1 important to maintain a navigable waterway essential  
2 for commercial traffic and the viability of the  
3 economy for the western and eastern counties bordering  
4 the Missouri and Mississippi rivers; NOW THEREFORE,

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, THE HOUSE OF  
6 REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That the United States  
7 Army Corps of Engineers establish a full-service  
8 navigation target that preserves a stable elevation  
9 and rate of flow consistent with the Corps'  
10 established water control plan, which preserves land  
11 from excessive flooding which would otherwise damage  
12 the economy of the region and the lives of its  
13 residents, and that maintains a vital navigable  
14 waterway essential for commercial traffic; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this  
16 Resolution be sent by the Secretary of the Senate to  
17 the President of the United States; the Chief of  
18 Engineers and Commander of the United States Corps of  
19 Engineers; the President of the Senate of the United  
20 States; the Speaker of the House of Representatives of  
21 the United States; the Chairperson of the United  
22 States Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and  
23 Forestry; the Chairperson of the United States House  
24 of Representatives Committee on Agriculture; and  
25 members of Iowa's congressional delegation.

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