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Carpenter, Evans (91st), Felsher, Haney,
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To: Ways and Means

HOUSE BILL NO. 993

1 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE RANKIN-HINDS PEARL RIVER FLOOD AND
2 DRAINAGE CONTROL DISTRICT FROM IMPLEMENTING THE ONE LAKE FLOOD
3 CONTROL PROJECT, AS PROVIDED UNDER THE FEDERAL WATER RESOURCES
4 DEVELOPMENT ACT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

6 WHEREAS, the proposed One Lake flood control project, as
7 provided under the Water Resources Development Act, which would
8 create a 1,500-acre lake on the Pearl River near downtown in the
9 City of Jackson, by using a weir, or low-head dam, below
10 Interstate 20, is a costly and destructive project that would not
11 reduce flood risks; and

12 WHEREAS, the One Lake project rejects effective flood
13 measures and has major implications, such as increased flooding
14 along tributaries, exposing communities to toxic contamination,
15 ruining the oyster industry along the Mississippi Gulf Coast,
16 exacerbating the water crisis in the City of Jackson, and causing
17 massive damage to river and floodplain habitats; and

18 WHEREAS, rather than a project with such tremendous
19 consequences, such as the One Lake project, a more cost effective



20 plan that does not threaten downstream interest industries and
21 ecology is necessary to reduce flood risks in the state; NOW
22 THEREFORE,

23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

24 **SECTION 1.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the
25 contrary, the Rankin-Hinds Pearl River Flood and Drainage Control
26 District is prohibited from implementing the One Lake flood
27 control project, as provided under the federal Water Resources
28 Development Act.

29 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
30 and after its passage.

