HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Appropriations to Original House Bill No. 219 by Representative Sam Jones

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, at the end of line 19, delete "five" and delete line 20 and on page 2, delete lines 1 through 7 in their entirety and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"a minimum of five percent shall be set aside until the total amount reaches ten million dollars. Such funds shall be used by the Department of Natural Resources for the purchase of land, or rights, or servitudes, specifically including conservation servitudes pursuant to R.S. 9:1271 et seq., from willing sellers to improve water quality, access, or other projects consistent with the Atchafalaya Basin Master Plan. Annual set asides shall continue to be used to replenish funds used to make qualifying purchases, with such set-asides not to exceed ten million dollars. Any land, or right, or servitude thereof proposed to be purchased pursuant to the provisions of this Section shall be included in a Basin annual plan presented to the legislature, and no proposed contract made pursuant to the provisions of this Section shall be executed without such purchase having been included in an approved Basin annual plan. Willing sellers shall be permitted to avail themselves of the applicable provisions of R.S. 31:149, and R.S.9:2795, for the sale of property, or any right or servitude thereof, made pursuant to this Section, specifically including the sale or lease of other rights, to the exclusion of the general public, upon the same parcel of land; however, the Department of Natural Resources shall not enter into an agreement pursuant to this Section unless such an agreement specifically provides that the assertion of such rights will not impact surface activities on such parcels, including coastal restoration and conservation projects constructed by or at the direction of the state. The secretary of the Department of Natural Resources shall seek from the United States Army Corps of Engineers, or its successor, credit towards any voluntary or mandatory funding matching requirement for the Atchafalaya Basin Floodway System, Louisiana Project equal to the value of the property, or right thereof, secured by any contract of sale executed pursuant to this Section."

CODING: Words in ~~struck through~~ type are deletions from existing law; words underscored are additions.