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To compel the Secretary of the Army to complete the Great Lakes Mississippi River Interbasin Study within 18 months and to focus particular attention on the permanent prevention of the spread of aquatic nuisance species between the Great Lakes and the Mississippi River Basins.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. FRANKEN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Stop Invasive Species
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ASIAN CARP.**

2 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

3 (1) HYDROLOGICAL SEPARATION.—The term
4 “hydrological separation” means a physical separa-
5 tion on the Chicago Area Waterway System that—

6 (A) would disconnect the Mississippi River
7 watershed from the Lake Michigan watershed;
8 and

9 (B) shall be designed to be adequate in
10 scope to prevent the transfer of all aquatic spe-
11 cies between each of those bodies of water.

12 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
13 the Secretary of the Army, acting through the Chief
14 of Engineers.

15 (b) EXPEDITED STUDY AND REPORT.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall—

17 (A) expedite completion of the report for
18 the study authorized by section 3061(d) of the
19 Water Resources Development Act of 2007
20 (Public Law 110–114; 121 Stat. 1121); and

21 (B) if the Secretary determines a project is
22 justified in the completed report, proceed di-
23 rectly to project preconstruction engineering
24 and design.

1 (2) FOCUS.—In expediting the completion of
2 the study and report under paragraph (1), the Sec-
3 retary shall focus on—

4 (A) the prevention of the spread of aquatic
5 nuisance species between the Great Lakes and
6 Mississippi River Basins, such as through the
7 permanent hydrological separation of the Great
8 Lakes and Mississippi River Basins; and

9 (B) the watersheds of the following rivers
10 and tributaries associated with the Chicago
11 Area Waterway System:

12 (i) The Illinois River, at and in the vi-
13 cinity of Chicago, Illinois.

14 (ii) The Chicago River, Calumet
15 River, North Shore Channel, Chicago Sani-
16 tary and Ship Canal, and Cal-Sag Channel
17 in the State of Illinois.

18 (iii) The Grand Calumet River and
19 Little Calumet River in the States of Illi-
20 nois and Indiana.

21 (3) EFFICIENT USE OF FUNDS.—The Secretary
22 shall ensure the efficient use of funds to maximize
23 the timely completion of the study and report under
24 paragraph (1).

1 (4) DEADLINE.—The Secretary shall complete
2 the report under paragraph (1) by not later than 18
3 months after the date of enactment of this Act.

4 (5) INTERIM REPORT.—Not later than 90 days
5 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-
6 retary shall submit to the Committees on Appropria-
7 tions of the House of Representatives and Senate,
8 the Committee on Environment and Public Works of
9 the Senate, and the Committee on Transportation
10 and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives
11 a report describing—

12 (A) interim milestones that will be met
13 prior to final completion of the study and re-
14 port under paragraph (1); and

15 (B) funding necessary for completion of
16 the study and report under paragraph (1), in-
17 cluding funding necessary for completion of
18 each interim milestone identified under sub-
19 paragraph (A).

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