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On May 21, 2014 In a 412 to 4 vote, the U.S. House passed the Water Resources Reform and Development Act or WRRDA, a bill aimed at protecting Minnesota waterways from the threat of invasive species and nationwide public works regarding disaster prevention, commerce and environmental protection in navigable waters and along the coast. The bill authorizes lock closing in the twin cities area in the event invasive species are confirmed to pose a threat to waters upstream. The bill also provides money for a Minnesota environmental restoration project recommended by the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council -- the restoration of the Lac Qui Parle River through Marsh Lake. It received \$6.7 million. The Senate is expected to approve the measure, before heading to President Obama for signing.