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**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

To exempt certain structures from removal from Army Corps of Engineers  
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**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Mr. BURLISON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on \_\_\_\_\_  
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**A BILL**

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of Engineers property on Table Rock Lake, and for  
other purposes.

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 “Table Rock Lake Prop-  
5       erty Protection Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. TABLE ROCK LAKE ENCROACHMENT.**

7       (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall—

1           (1) suspend any activities to require eligible  
2           property owners to remove eligible structures; and

3           (2) offer to an eligible property owner a convey-  
4           ance or release that—

5                 (A) for an eligible structure located on fee  
6                 land, conveys by quitclaim deed the minimum  
7                 land required to maintain the eligible structure,  
8                 reserving the right to flood the land, if applica-  
9                 ble;

10                (B) for an eligible structure located on  
11                land subject to a flowage easement, releases by  
12                quitclaim deed the easement prohibition; and

13                (C) provides that—

14                       (i) the eligible structure shall not be  
15                       extended further onto fee land or land sub-  
16                       ject to the flowage easement;

17                       (ii) additional structures for human  
18                       habitation shall not be placed on fee land  
19                       or land subject to the flowage easement;

20                       (iii) the United States shall not be lia-  
21                       ble or responsible for damage to the eligi-  
22                       ble structure caused by the operation of  
23                       the Lake; and

1 (iv) no claim to compensation shall ac-  
2 crue from the exercise of any flowage ease-  
3 ment right.

4 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

5 (1) EASEMENT PROHIBITION.—The term “ease-  
6 ment prohibition” means the rights acquired by the  
7 United States, in a flowage easement, to prohibit  
8 structures for human habitation on land subject to  
9 the easement.

10 (2) ELIGIBLE PROPERTY OWNER.—The term  
11 “eligible property owner” means a person who owns  
12 an eligible structure.

13 (3) ELIGIBLE STRUCTURE.—The term “eligible  
14 structure” means a structure for human habitation,  
15 including a septic system—

16 (A) that is located on fee land or land sub-  
17 ject to the flowage easement; and

18 (B) for which a license for right-of-way has  
19 been provided by the Secretary and is in effect  
20 on the date of enactment of this Act.

21 (4) FEE LAND.—The term “fee land” means  
22 the land acquired in fee title by the United States  
23 for the Lake.

24 (5) FLOWAGE EASEMENT.—The term “flowage  
25 easement” means an interest in land acquired by the

1 United States that includes the right to flood land  
2 surrounding the Lake.

3 (6) LAKE.—The term “Lake” means the Table  
4 Rock Lake project of the Corps of Engineers, lo-  
5 cated in Missouri and Arkansas, authorized as one  
6 of the multiple-purpose reservoir projects in the  
7 White River Basin by section 4 of the Act of June  
8 28, 1938 (52 Stat. 1218).

9 (7) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
10 the Secretary of the Army, acting through the Chief  
11 of Engineers.