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"The President's veto of WRDA is just another example of this Administration's misplaced priorities," said Rep. Slaughter. "This bill passed through both the Senate and House and Senate with overwhelming bipartisan support and contains water-related projects that are vital to Western New York and the entire country."

"The 28th Congressional District includes about a third of New York State's Lake Ontario Coastline, which is one of our most precious natural resources. Investments contained in WRDA are critical in my efforts to protect this resource and leverage it to help create jobs and spur economic development. I look forward to overriding the President's veto next week so we can ensure our local communities can move ahead with these important projects without delay," added Slaughter.

WRDA projects secured by Rep. Slaughter include:

- A study on Low-Head Hydroelectric power on the Niagara River
- Olcott Harbor breakwater project
- Niagara River watershed study to examine ecological issues
- A study on the Genesee River watershed
- Authorization allowing Rochester access to an account that funds capital improvements to the Erie Canal.

BELOW IS A TIMELINE OF THE WRDA LEGISLATION:

3/13/2007

Introduced in House

3/29/2007

Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Transportation. H. Rept. 110-80.

4/19/2007

Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 394 - 25 (Roll no. 234).

5/16/2007

Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Yea-Nay Vote. 91 - 4. Record Vote Number: 170.

7/31/2007

Conference report H. Rept. 110-280 filed.

8/1/2007

Conference report agreed to in House: On agreeing to the conference report Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: 381 - 40 (Roll no. 790).

9/24/2007

Conference report agreed to in Senate: Senate agreed to conference report by Yea-Nay Vote. 81 - 12. Record Vote Number: 347.

11/02/2007

Vetoed by President Bush

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