



Sen. Joni Ernst's disapproval resolution passes

Missouri River Energy Services recognizes Sen. Joni Ernst (R-IA) for introducing a joint resolution disapproving the rule submitted by the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Army Corps of Engineers which expands federal authority over land and waterways under the federal Clean Water Act, also known as the “WOTUS” rule. The disapproval resolution was brought under the Congressional Review Act, which allows Congress 60 days to disapprove of and nullify a federal rule.

Sen. Ernst has repeatedly spoken of the adverse impact the WOTUS rule would have on Iowa farmers and small businesses. On November 3, the disapproval resolution passed the Senate on a vote of 53 to 44. The disapproval resolution will now be heard in the House, where it is also likely to pass. While it is likely that the President will veto the disapproval resolution, Sen. Ernst’s efforts have shed light on the impact of the rule to Iowa farmers, small businesses and on municipal utilities.