

State of Misconsin 2009 - 2010 LEGISLATURE

2009 SENATE RESOLUTION 8

December 16, 2009 – Introduced by Senators Miller, Plale, Wirch, Cowles, Lehman, Robson, Olsen, Lazich, Carpenter and Hansen. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

Relating to: urging and authorizing the attorney general to pursue every legal
means available to prevent Asian carp from entering the Great Lakes.
Whereas, the state of Illinois constructed the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal
over 100 years ago, connecting the Great Lakes Basin to the Mississippi River Basin
in order to move Chicago's sewage away from Lake Michigan; and
Whereas, the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal, in addition to diverting billions
of gallons of water from Lake Michigan each day, also opens a channel of
communication between the lake and the lower Mississippi basin; and
Whereas, Asian carp, an invasive, non-native species, have migrated
northward through the Mississippi River Basin, advancing as close as 20 miles from
Lake Michigan; and
Whereas, an invasion of Asian carp into Lake Michigan would devastate native
wildlife and cause incalculable economic loss and irreversible damage to recreational
fishing on the Great Lakes and the resulting tourism industry; and

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1	Whereas, the well-documented threat of invading Asian carp has been known
2	to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and state officials in Illinois for years; and
3	Whereas, the state of Illinois has constructed an inadequate and ineffective
4	electric barrier to prevent Asian carp from migrating through the Chicago Sanitary
5	and Ship Canal; and
6	Whereas, much more aggressive measures must be taken to avert the
7	impending ecological and economic disaster; and
8	Whereas, aggressive legal action will force the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
9	and the state of Illinois to act speedily and effectively; now, therefore, be it
10	Resolved by the senate, That pursuant to section 165.25 (1m) of the
11	Wisconsin statutes, the senate urges and authorizes the attorney general to
12	vigorously pursue every legal means available to prevent Asian carp from entering
13	the Great Lakes.
14	(END)