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## **ASBPA Statement on WRDA Negotiations**

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – The American Shore and Beach Preservation Association (ASBPA) expresses strong disappointment that Congress will not complete action on the Water Resources Development Act of 2006 (WRDA) before the end of the year.

This legislation would have authorized critical flood control and coastal storm damage reduction projects. It also would have provided updated policy guidance for the Corps of Engineers, allowing the agency to respond to the growing water infrastructure needs across our country.

“America’s coastal officials understand that human lives and public safety depend on a strong and robust civil works program. Years of planning and preparation are being put at risk while we wait for Congress to pass the Water Resources Development Act. We commend the efforts of everyone who worked so hard to advance this important bill. At the same time, we are very disappointed that Congress will not complete action on the legislation this year and call upon Congressional leaders to schedule immediate consideration of the bill in the opening days of the 110th Congress. America’s water resources cannot afford any further delay,” said Mayor Harry Simmons, President of ASBPA.

WRDA bills are intended to be passed on a two-year cycle. However, the last WRDA bill was signed into law in 2000. Negotiations broke off this afternoon on a final version of the legislation. Congress is expected to adjourn for the year at the end of this week.

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