



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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H.R. 1034

A bill to declare a portion of the James River and Kanawha Canal in Richmond, Virginia, to be nonnavigable waters of the United States for purposes of title 46, United States Code, and the other maritime laws of the United States

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
on April 22, 1999*

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 1034 would have no significant effect on the federal budget. Because the bill could reduce offsetting receipts (a credit against direct spending), pay-as-you-go procedures would apply. We estimate, however, that any loss of receipts would be negligible. H.R. 1034 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

H.R. 1034 would declare a portion of a canal in Richmond, Virginia, to be a nonnavigable waterway for the purposes of administering certain laws under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG). This declaration would make it unnecessary for operators of a few small passenger vessels (for guided tours) to obtain federal safety inspections. As a result, the USCG would forgo a few hundred dollars of fees that it usually charges for such services. Based on information provided by the agency, CBO estimates that the total annual loss of receipts would be less than \$1,000.

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