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**CHAFEE SECURES FUNDING FOR HISTORIC ALLENDALE DAM
RESTORATION**

Washington, D.C. -- Senator John H. Chafee (R-RI) hailed today's final Senate approval of \$195,000 for the reconstruction of the historic Allendale Dam in North Providence. The funds were included in the conference report to accompany the fiscal year 1997 Energy and Water Development Appropriations bill which included several projects for which Chafee lobbied strongly. This annual appropriations bill provides funding for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

This latest Congressional approval for funding will be added to the \$67,500 in federal monies Chafee secured for the historic dam in 1992.

"The reconstruction of the Allendale Dam has been among my highest priorities for this area," said Senator Chafee. "I've worked long and hard to secure the necessary federal funds to rebuild this historic structure and look forward to the final passage of this important legislation."

In 1992, Senator Chafee was successful in authorizing \$90,000 for the project as part of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 1992. In 1995, the Senator was able to secure an appropriation of \$67,500 to provide the federal match for the project. However, it was soon discovered that it would take much more than \$90,000 to properly reconstruct the dam.

In July of this year, Senator Chafee was instrumental in providing a revised authorization for the Allendale Dam, which laid the groundwork for the Senate's approval of \$195,000 in federal funds today. Senator Chafee is the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works, which has jurisdiction over the Army Corps of Engineers.

The House of Representatives approved the conference report to accompany the FY 1997 Energy and Water Development Appropriations bill last week. With today's final approval in the Senate, the bill will now be sent to the President for enactment.