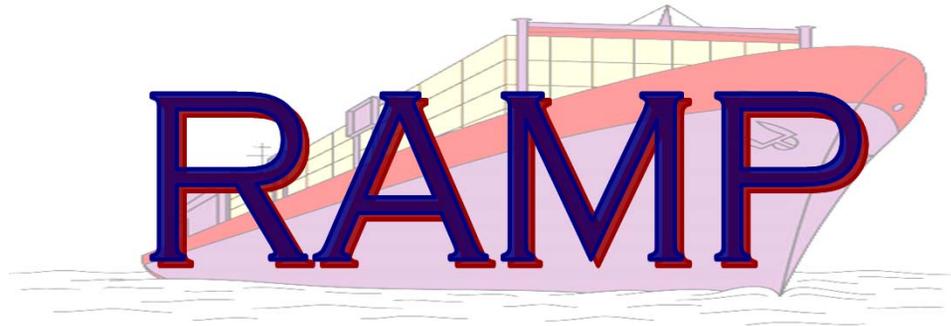


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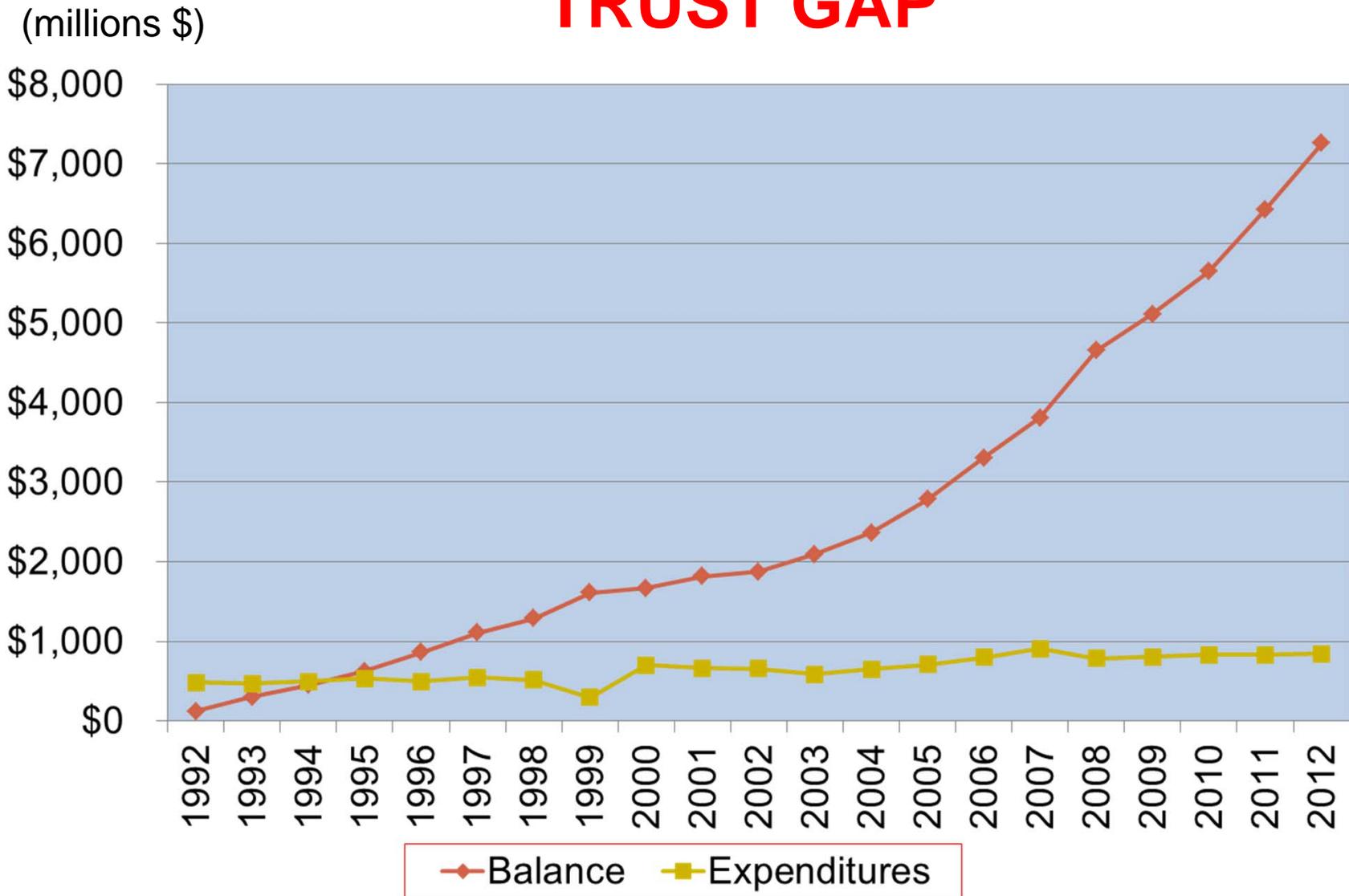
Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund

What is the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund?

- The Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund was authorized in the Water Resources Development Act of 1986, P.L. 99-662, as a tax on channel users to pay for operations and maintenance costs on commercial waterways.
- It is an ad valorem tax equal to .125% on the declared value of imported commercial cargo and on passenger vessel tickets.
- This tax is collected by Customs on behalf of the Corps of Engineers.
- In FY 2012, this tax generated \$1.54 billion, yet only \$844 million was used for its intended purpose. The remaining \$700 million was deposited into the General Treasury to offset the deficit. FY 2013 revenues are expected to be \$1.8 billion!

HMTF Expenditures and Balance FY 1992 – FY 2011

TRUST GAP



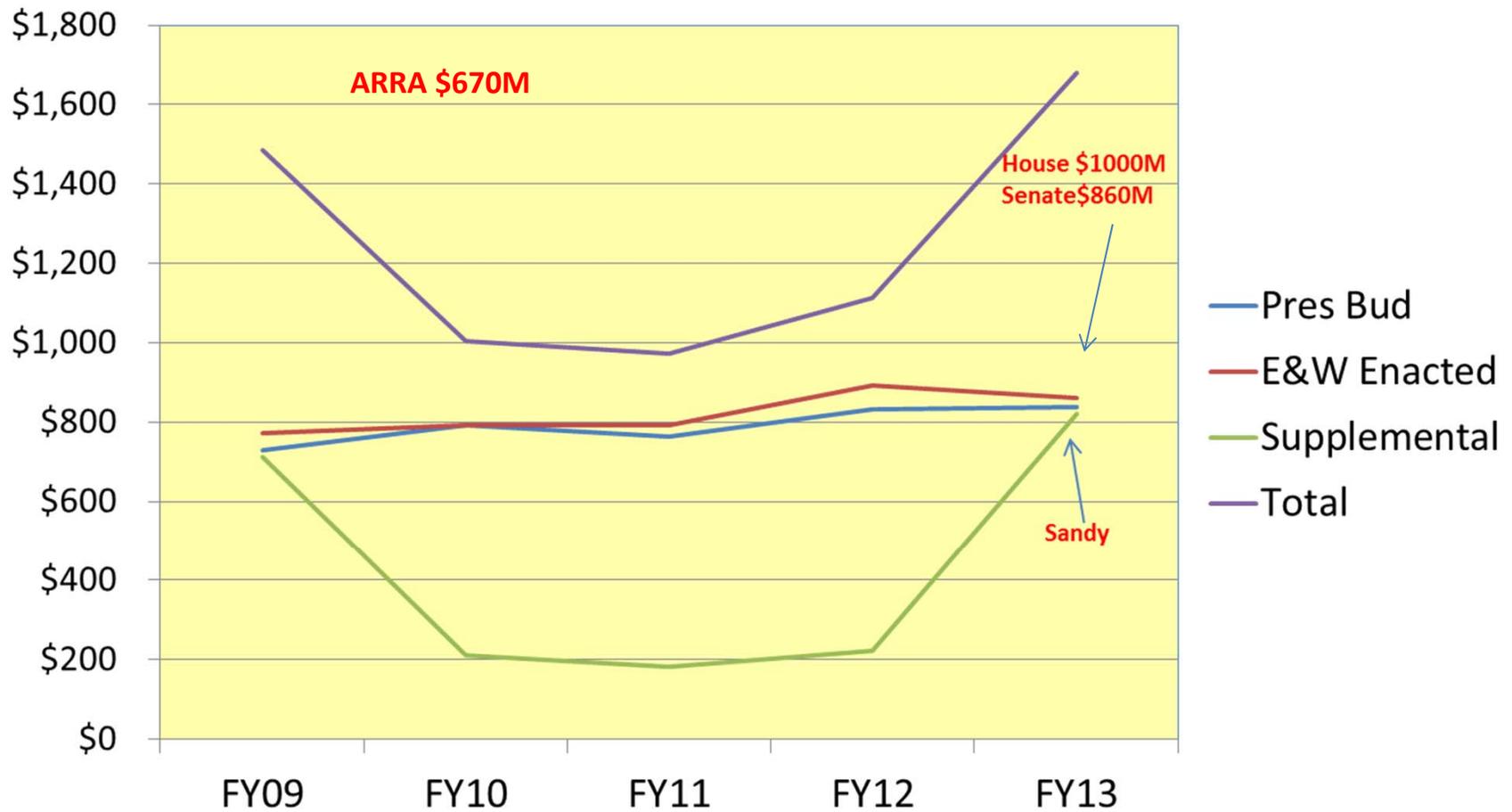
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Cash Flow

| Year | Tax Receipts + Interest (millions) | Corps Transfers (millions) |
|-------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| 2000 | \$761 | \$687 |
| 2001 | \$811 | \$644 |
| 2002 | \$711 | \$640 |
| 2003 | \$804 | \$569 |
| 2004 | \$922 | \$631 |
| 2005 | \$1123 | \$687 |
| 2006 | \$1321 | \$779 |
| 2007 | \$1416 | \$891 |
| 2008 | \$1626 | \$766 |
| 2009 | \$1268 | \$772 |
| 2010 | \$1363 | \$793 |
| 2011 | \$1599 | \$791 |
| 2012 | \$1690 | \$844 |

Corps HMTF Funding

(Millions)



Navigation Coastal Funding Needs

- **Estimated \$1.5 B needed annually over 5 years to restore authorized dimensions for high and moderate commercial use coastal channels and harbors**
- **Additional \$500 M needed annually for low commercial use projects**
- **Estimated \$1.2 B needed annually after that to maintain authorized dimensions for high and moderate commercial use coastal channels and harbors**
- **Additional \$300 M needed annually for low commercial use projects**



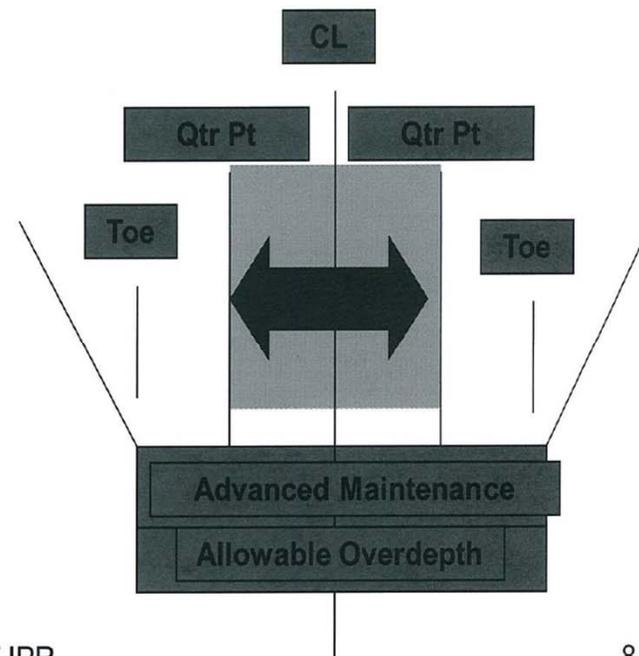
IMPACTS

- **SHIPS LIGHT LOADED**
 - Tons Not Moved!
- **MORE OFFSHORE LIGHTERING OF OIL**
- **CHANNELS NOT AT PROJECT DEPTH OR WIDTH**
- **U.S. COMPETITION IN WORLD MARKETS CHALLENGED, JOBS ARE LOST!**



Coastal Navigation Performance Standard

- Standard
 - Full project depth
 - Half project width, 95% of the time
- Trend
 - FY 2005: 38%
 - FY 2006: 35%
 - FY 2007: 32%
 - FY 2009 – 2013:
FYDP get to 95%



Why should farmers care about transportation?

Because our international competitiveness depends on it.

Costs of transporting soybeans: U.S. vs. Brazil
(per metric ton; 4th quarter, 2010)

| | Davenport to Shanghai | Sioux Falls to Shanghai | N. Mato Grosso to Shanghai |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| Land: Truck | \$8.94 | \$8.94 | \$120.12 |
| Land: Barge/Rail | \$31.85 (Barge) | \$50.31 (Rail) | ----- |
| Ocean | \$55.46 | \$29.25 | \$31.67 |
| Total Transport | \$96.25 | \$88.50 | \$151.79 |
| Farm Value | \$399.16 | \$385.56 | \$413.46 |
| Landed Cost | \$495.41 | \$474.06 | \$566.25 |
| Transport as % of Landed Cost | 19.4% | 18.7% | 26.9% |

Source: USDA



LATEST STATUS

- **HR 335 – 87 House cosponsors**
 - Support from T&I in a WRDA
- **S 218 – 31 Senate cosponsors**
 - Support from EPW in a WRDA
- **No funding guarantee!!**

OUR GOAL

- To establish legislation that guarantees Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund annual tax revenues are used for their intended purpose—the operation and maintenance of Federal ports and harbors.

