

Stage set for first override of Bush veto

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WASHINGTON -- The U.S. House of Representatives ignored President George Bush's veto of a water projects bill, setting the stage for a possible override. Tuesday night, by a 361-54 vote the House supported the \$23 billion public works bill, which is far more than the two-thirds required to override a presidential veto, The New York Times reported Wednesday. The bill is expected to be voted on in the Senate this week with similar results, CNN said. If the Senate follows suit, it would be the first override of Bush's five vetoes in two terms, the report said. House Republicans who supported the bill said it had been languishing for years and that changes to the Water Resources Development Act are needed to rebuild the Gulf Coast after the devastation of Hurricane Katrina, along with projects in the Florida Everglades and the Great Lakes, the Times said. Last Friday, Bush vetoed the measure as it was too costly and would be too taxing on the Army Corps of Engineers, the report said.

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