

# Rep. Oldenburg: Highlights economic impact of Mississippi River on Assembly floor

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MADISON – Representative Loren Oldenburg (R-Viroqua) had his first authored Resolution up for a vote today in the Wisconsin State Assembly. Oldenburg’s resolution highlighted the impact that the Mississippi River has on the region by speaking in favor of his first legislative resolution Assembly Joint Resolution 38.

The Resolution begins by illustrating the importance barges play in our agriculture focused communities. Showing that not only are barges efficient, they are also environmentally effective ways of transporting many of Wisconsin’s prized commodities.

As a farmer, and small business owner; Representative Oldenburg knows the importance of barges, and the lock system – firsthand. “With yet another round of flooding affecting our area, this is a great time to recognize the importance of barges, and the amazing lock system that is in our backyard. Recognizing the importance of modernizing this piece of our infrastructure is putting us one step closer to fully modernizing this system as allowed by the Water Resources Development Act of 2007.” According to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Waterways and Ports support nearly 27,000 Wisconsin Jobs.