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- Spoke about boating passage on creeks and rivers,



- and how that is impeded by the antique 1863 Georgia navigability law.
- Few shipped bales of cotton to market down the shoal-infested Little, Withlacoochee, Alapaha, or Suwannee Rivers.
- Nowadays, economic uses of the rivers include paddling, power boating, fishing, and swimming.
- The Georgia House held a study committee on navigability, but decided to do nothing.
- Maybe the Senate can take up the case of navigability and passage.
- That would help attract more people to recreate on our waterways,
- and it would help attract the sort of people who want to work in the kinds of clean industries local and state government are trying to bring here.
- The state could also fund more than one game warden for many counties, and do more to eradicate chronic wasting disease.