

114TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 2481

To amend the Water Resources Development Act of 2000 to provide for expedited project implementation relating to the comprehensive Everglades restoration plan.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 2, 2016

Mr. NELSON introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Everglades for the
5 Next Generation Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. COMPREHENSIVE EVERGLADES RESTORATION**
2 **PLAN.**

3 Section 601(d) of the Water Resources Development
4 Act of 2000 (Public Law 106–541; 114 Stat. 2684) is
5 amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (1), by inserting “and subject
7 to paragraph (3)” after “subsection (b) or (c)”; and

8 (2) by adding at the end the following:

9 “(3) **EXPEDITED PROJECT IMPLEMENTA-**
10 **TION.**—After completing a project implementation
11 report prepared in accordance with subsections (f)
12 and (h), the Secretary may carry out, without any
13 further congressional authorization—

14 “(A) any project identified in the Plan for
15 which a project implementation report is com-
16 pleted that is in accordance with an integrated
17 delivery schedule approved by the Chief of En-
18 gineers and the South Florida Water Manage-
19 ment District, in consultation with the South
20 Florida Ecosystem Restoration Task Force,
21 subject to the condition that the report is com-
22 pleted not later than 5 years after the date of
23 enactment of this paragraph; and

24 “(B) any group of projects under the Plan
25 that the Secretary determines will provide re-
26 gional or watershed ecosystem or water supply

1 benefits if the group of projects is constructed
2 in accordance with a project implementation re-
3 port approved by the Chief of Engineers and
4 the South Florida Water Management District,
5 in consultation with the South Florida Eco-
6 system Restoration Task Force, not later than
7 5 years after the date of enactment of this
8 paragraph.”.

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