

115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2415

To direct the Secretary of the Army to expedite completion of the reports for certain projects included in the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 11, 2017

Mr. MAST (for himself, Mr. FRANCIS ROONEY of Florida, Mr. CURBELO of Florida, Mr. POSEY, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Ms. TENNEY, Mr. RUTHERFORD, and Mr. ROHRABACHER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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; PURPOSES.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
5 “Everglades Flow Increases Rely on Storage and Treat-
6 ment Act” or the “Everglades FIRST Act”.

7 (b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this Act include—

1 (1) improving surface water reservoir storage
2 capacity in South Florida to meet the goals of the
3 Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan;

4 (2) achieving the full benefits of the Central
5 Everglades Planning Project; and

6 (3) producing environmentally beneficial
7 changes in flow volumes in the Caloosahatchee
8 River, St. Lucie River, Loxahatchee River, and
9 Shark River Slough.

10 **SEC. 2. EXPEDITED COMPLETION OF REPORTS AND CON-**
11 **STRUCTION FOR CERTAIN PROJECTS IN-**
12 **CLUDED IN COMPREHENSIVE EVERGLADES**
13 **RESTORATION PLAN, FLORIDA.**

14 The Secretary shall expedite completion of the re-
15 ports for each of the following projects and, if the Sec-
16 retary determines that a project is feasible in the com-
17 pleted report, expedite completion of construction of the
18 project:

19 (1) Everglades Agricultural Area Storage Res-
20 ervoirs, Florida.

21 (2) Loxahatchee River Watershed Restoration
22 Project, Florida.

23 (3) Lake Okeechobee Watershed Restoration
24 Project, Florida.

- 1 (4) Western Everglades Restoration Project,
- 2 Florida.

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