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AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To express the sense of Congress relating to the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—115th Cong., 2d Sess.

H. R. 5895

development ending Sep- _____ and _____

AMENDMENT N^o 3066

By Rubio

To: Amo No 2910

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posed by _____ (No. 2910)

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Viz:

- 1 At the end of title I of division A, add the following:
- 2 SEC. 1 _____. (a) Congress finds that—
- 3 (1) the restoration of the Everglades, as de-
- 4 scribed in the Comprehensive Everglades Restora-
- 5 tion Plan authorized by title VI of the Water Re-
- 6 sources Development Act of 2000 (Public Law 106–
- 7 541; 114 Stat. 2680) (referred to in this section as
- 8 the “Plan”), is the most ambitious environmental
- 9 restoration program in history;

1 (2) the overarching objectives of the Plan are
2 the restoration, preservation, and protection of the
3 south Florida ecosystem, while providing for other
4 water-related needs of the region, including water
5 supply and flood protection;

6 (3) the Plan should continue to be implemented
7 as authorized—

8 (A) to ensure—

9 (i) the protection of water quality in
10 the south Florida ecosystem;

11 (ii) the reduction of the loss of fresh
12 water from the south Florida ecosystem;
13 and

14 (iii) the improvement of the environ-
15 ment of the south Florida ecosystem; and

16 (B) to achieve and maintain the benefits to
17 the natural system and human environment de-
18 scribed in the Plan; and

19 (4) the equal partnership between the Federal
20 Government and the State of Florida remains essen-
21 tial to accomplishing the objectives of the Plan.

22 (b) It is the sense of the Congress that—

23 (1) the discharge of excess water by the Corps
24 of Engineers from Lake Okeechobee to the
25 Caloosahatchee Estuary and the Indian River La-

1 goon represents a significant loss of fresh water
2 from the South Florida ecosystem;

3 (2) the diversion of those Lake Okeechobee dis-
4 charges to Plan projects or features like the Ever-
5 glades Agricultural Area Storage Reservoir, designed
6 to store and treat water prior to release into the
7 Central Everglades, is an essential source of fresh
8 water for meeting the objectives of the Plan; and

9 (3) the Plan authorizes a 50/50 Federal-State
10 cost share for all aspects of congressionally author-
11 ized restoration projects, including water quality
12 project features or components.