

AMENDMENT
OFFERED BY MR. MAST OF FLORIDA

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

1 **SEC. _____. SENSE OF CONGRESS RELATED TO EVER-**
2 **GLADES AGRICULTURAL AREA PROJECT.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—It is the sense of Congress that
4 the Secretary should, to the maximum extent prac-
5 ticable—

6 (1) meet the expedited construction outlined in
7 the July 18, 2025 Memorandum of Agreement be-
8 tween the State of Florida and Department of the
9 Army for Expediting and Advancing the Restoration
10 of America’s Everglades, for the Everglades Agricul-
11 tural Area Reservoir, authorized by section 1308 of
12 the Water Resources Development Act of 2018 (132
13 Stat. 3819; 134 Stat. 2709);

14 (2) incorporate other components of the Central
15 Everglades Planning Project to fully utilize invest-
16 ment and restore the flow of water through the cen-
17 tral Everglades and Everglades National Park to
18 Florida Bay; and

19 (3) prepare for and take all necessary steps to
20 review and implement opportunities for expedited

1 construction timelines and operations for remaining
2 everglades restoration projects to achieve objectives,
3 goals, and regional benefits including but not limited
4 to eliminating harmful transfers to the St. Lucie Es-
5 tuary, and reducing harmful transfers to the
6 Caloosahatchee River Estuary and the Lake Worth
7 Lagoon without causing harm to Lake Okeechobee,
8 Everglades or southern regions, while also protecting
9 and meeting water supply goals south of the lake
10 consistent with congressionally authorized project
11 purposes.

12 (b) SAVINGS PROVISION.—Nothing in this Sense of
13 Congress is intended to, nor shall it be construed or inter-
14 preted as altering, amending, prioritizing or
15 supplementing any authorized project purpose. Further-
16 more, nothing stated here shall be construed as expanding
17 Federal authority or oversight over State waters or envi-
18 ronmental programs.

