

Union Calendar No. 322

106TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 673

[Report No. 106-592]

To authorize the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to make grants to the Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority and other appropriate agencies for the purpose of improving water quality throughout the marine ecosystem of the Florida Keys.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 10, 1999

Mr. DEUTSCH (for himself and Mr. SHAW) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

MAY 2, 2000

Additional sponsors: Mr. CANADY of Florida, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Mr. FOLEY, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mrs. THURMAN, Mr. YOUNG of Florida, Mr. GOSS, Mr. WEXLER, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. MCCOLLUM, and Mr. DIAZ-BALART

MAY 2, 2000

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on February 10, 1999]

A BILL

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purpose of improving water quality throughout the marine ecosystem of the Florida Keys.

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 “Florida Keys Water*
5 *Quality Improvements Act of 2000”.*

6 **SEC. 2. FLORIDA KEYS WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENTS.**

7 *Title I of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33*
8 *U.S.C. 1251 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the*
9 *following:*

10 **“SEC. 121. FLORIDA KEYS.**

11 “(a) *IN GENERAL.*—*Subject to the requirements of this*
12 *section, the Administrator may make grants to the Florida*
13 *Keys Aqueduct Authority and other appropriate public*
14 *agencies of the State of Florida or Monroe County, Florida,*
15 *for the planning and construction of treatment works to im-*
16 *prove water quality in the Florida Keys National Marine*
17 *Sanctuary.*

18 “(b) *CRITERIA FOR PROJECTS.*—*In applying for a*
19 *grant for a project under subsection (a), an applicant shall*
20 *demonstrate that—*

21 “(1) *the applicant has completed adequate plan-*
22 *ning and design activities for the project;*

1 “(2) *the applicant has completed a financial*
2 *plan identifying sources of non-Federal funding for*
3 *the project;*

4 “(3) *the project complies with—*

5 “(A) *applicable growth management ordi-*
6 *nances of Monroe County, Florida;*

7 “(B) *applicable agreements between Monroe*
8 *County, Florida, and the State of Florida to*
9 *manage growth in Monroe County, Florida; and*

10 “(C) *applicable water quality standards;*

11 *and*

12 “(4) *the project is consistent with the master*
13 *wastewater and stormwater plans for Monroe County,*
14 *Florida.*

15 “(c) *CONSIDERATION.—In selecting projects to receive*
16 *grants under subsection (a), the Administrator shall con-*
17 *sider whether a project will have substantial water quality*
18 *benefits relative to other projects under consideration.*

19 “(d) *CONSULTATION.—In carrying out this section, the*
20 *Administrator shall consult with—*

21 “(1) *the Water Quality Steering Committee es-*
22 *tablished under section 8(d)(2)(A) of the Florida Keys*
23 *National Marine Sanctuary and Protection Act (106*
24 *Stat. 5054);*

1 “(2) *the South Florida Ecosystem Restoration*
2 *Task Force established by section 528(f) of the Water*
3 *Resources Development Act of 1996 (110 Stat. 3771–*
4 *3773);*

5 “(3) *the Commission on the Everglades estab-*
6 *lished by executive order of the Governor of the State*
7 *of Florida; and*

8 “(4) *other appropriate State and local govern-*
9 *ment officials.*

10 “(e) *NON-FEDERAL SHARE.—The non-Federal share of*
11 *the cost of a project carried out using amounts from grants*
12 *made under subsection (a) shall not be less than 25 percent.*

13 “(f) *AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is*
14 *authorized to be appropriated to the Administrator to carry*
15 *out this section—*

16 “(1) *\$32,000,000 for fiscal year 2001;*

17 “(2) *\$31,000,000 for fiscal year 2002; and*

18 “(3) *\$50,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2003*
19 *through 2005.*

20 *Such sums shall remain available until expended.”.*

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