

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 7776
OFFERED BY MR. MAST OF FLORIDA**

At the end of title I, add the following:

1 **SEC. 1___ . NUTRIENT DREDGING DEMONSTRATION PRO-**
2 **GRAM.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall carry out a
4 demonstration program to—

5 (1) carry out dredging to remove nutrients that
6 fuel harmful algal blooms associated with water re-
7 sources development projects; and

8 (2) research beneficial uses of the dredged ma-
9 terial.

10 (b) CONSULTATION; USE OF EXISTING DATA AND
11 PROGRAM AUTHORITIES.—In carrying out the demonstra-
12 tion program under subsection (a), the Secretary shall—

13 (1) consult with the heads of appropriate Fed-
14 eral and State agencies; and

15 (2) make maximum use of existing Federal and
16 State data and ongoing programs and activities of
17 Federal and State agencies.

18 (c) FOCUS AREA.—In carrying out the demonstration
19 program under subsection (a), the Secretary shall under-

1 take program activities related to dredging for nutrient
2 removal in Lake Okeechobee, Florida.

3 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
4 authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary
5 \$25,000,000 to carry out this section, to remain available
6 until expended.

