

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 7575**  
**OFFERED BY MR. MAST OF FLORIDA**

At the end of title I of the bill, add the following:

1 **SEC. \_\_\_\_ . FLORIDA ESTUARIES.**

2 (a) REVIEW OF PLAN.—

3 (1) REVIEW.—The Secretary shall review the  
4 Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan  
5 (CERP), approved in title VI of the Water Re-  
6 sources Development Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-  
7 541) with a view to identifying such further modi-  
8 fication of the Central and South Florida Project as  
9 may be advisable to protect and restore the coastal  
10 estuaries that are included in the estuaries of the  
11 South Florida ecosystem.

12 (2) COORDINATION.—In carrying out this re-  
13 view the Secretary shall—

14 (A) coordinate with—

15 (i) the Governor of Florida;

16 (ii) the Florida Department of Envi-  
17 ronmental Protection;

18 (iii) the Task Force established in sec-  
19 tion 528(f) of the Water Resources Devel-  
20 opment Act of 1996;

1 (iv) the South Florida Water Manage-  
2 ment District;

3 (v) the residents of communities sur-  
4 rounding the affected estuaries; and

5 (vi) the public; and

6 (B) conduct public meetings to receive  
7 comments from all interested parties.

8 (3) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the  
9 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall  
10 submit to the Committee on Transportation and In-  
11 frastructure of the House of Representatives and the  
12 Committee on Environment and Public Works of the  
13 Senate a report that includes the following:

14 (A) A description of projects or other  
15 measures that the Chief recommends be in-  
16 cluded in the CERP, through the Adaptive As-  
17 sessment provisions of title VI of Water Re-  
18 sources Development Act of 2000 (Public Law  
19 106–541), to restore and protect the estuaries  
20 within the South Florida ecosystem.

21 (B) A description of any projects or meas-  
22 ures to restore and protect estuaries in the  
23 South Florida ecosystem that the Chief of En-  
24 gineers recommends for authorization by future

1 water resources development or other appro-  
2 priate legislation.

3 (C) A proposed schedule for the submis-  
4 sion of any project information reports (PIRs)  
5 in accordance with title VI of the Water Re-  
6 sources Development Act for projects and meas-  
7 ures to restore or protect estuaries in the South  
8 Florida ecosystem.

9 (b) PROJECTS AND MEASURES TO BE CONSID-  
10 ERED.—Projects and measures to be considered in car-  
11 rying out the review and report under subsection (a) shall  
12 be consistent with title VI of the Water Resources Devel-  
13 opment Act of 2000 (Public Law 106–541) and shall in-  
14 clude—

15 (1) projects for ecosystem restoration;

16 (2) stormwater treatment areas;

17 (3) modifications of existing projects or oper-  
18 ations;

19 (4) projects or measures to protect and restore  
20 estuaries from the harmful impacts of algal blooms  
21 and other harmful contamination;

22 (5) periodic actions to prevent, respond to or  
23 remediate damages to estuary resources resulting  
24 from operation of the Central and South Florida  
25 Project, including impacts resulting from releases of

1 water and algae, that may be undertaken as oper-  
2 ations and maintenance under title VI of the Water  
3 Resources Development Act of 2000 (Public Law  
4 106–541) and cost-shared accordingly; or

5 (6) such other actions as the Secretary may  
6 deem advisable.

7 (c) SOUTH FLORIDA ECOSYSTEM DEFINED.—In this  
8 section, the term “South Florida ecosystem” has the  
9 meaning given the term “ecosystem” in section 601(a)(5)  
10 of the Water Resources Development Act of 2000 (Public  
11 Law 106–541).

