Bill No. CS for SB 986 Amendment No. CHAMBER ACTION Senate House 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 Senator Crist moved the following amendment to amendment (043988):12 13 14 Senate Amendment (with title amendment) On page 20, between lines 7 and 8, 15 16 17 insert: 18 Section 11. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section 19 373.4592, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 373.4592 Everglades improvement and management.--20 21 (4) EVERGLADES PROGRAM. --22 (a) Everglades Construction Project. -- The district 23 shall implement the Everglades Construction Project. By the 24 time of completion of the project, the state, district, or 25 other governmental authority shall purchase the inholdings in 26 the Rotenberger and such other lands necessary to achieve a 27 2:1 mitigation ratio for the use of Brown's Farm and other similar lands, including those needed for the STA 1 Inflow and 28 29 Distribution Works. The inclusion of public lands as part of 30 the project is for the purpose of treating waters not coming 31 from the EAA for hydroperiod restoration. It is the intent of 1 11:52 AM 04/27/98 s0986c1c-20m0a Bill No. <u>CS for SB 986</u> Amendment No. ___

the Legislature that the district aggressively pursue the 1 2 implementation of the Everglades Construction Project in 3 accordance with the schedule in this subsection. The 4 Legislature recognizes that adherence to the schedule is dependent upon factors beyond the control of the district, 5 6 including the timely receipt of funds from all contributors. 7 The district shall take all reasonable measures to complete timely performance of the schedule in this section in order to 8 9 finish the Everglades Construction Project. The district shall 10 not delay implementation of the project beyond the time delay caused by those circumstances and conditions that prevent 11 12 timely performance. The district shall not levy ad valorem 13 taxes in excess of 0.05 $\frac{0.1}{0.1}$ mill within the Okeechobee Basin for the purposes of the design, construction, and acquisition 14 15 of the Everglades Construction Project. The authority to levy ad valorem taxes not in excess of 0.05 mill within the 16 17 Okeechobee Basin for the Everglades Construction Project 18 expires July 1, 2006. The ad valorem tax proceeds not exceeding 0.05 $\frac{0.1}{0.1}$ mill levied within the Okeechobee Basin for 19 such purposes shall be the sole direct district contribution 20 21 from district ad valorem taxes appropriated or expended for the design, construction, and acquisition of the Everglades 22 Construction Project unless the Legislature by specific 23 24 amendment to this section increases the 0.05 $\frac{0.1}{0.1}$ mill ad valorem tax contribution, increases the agricultural privilege 25 taxes, or otherwise reallocates the relative contribution by 26 27 ad valorem taxpayers and taxpayers paying the agricultural 28 privilege taxes toward the funding of the design, construction, and acquisition of the Everglades Construction 29 30 Project. Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 200.069 to the 31 contrary, any millage levied under the 0.05 0.1 mill

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limitation in this paragraph shall be included as a separate 1 2 entry on the Notice of Proposed Property Taxes pursuant to s. 3 200.069. Once the STAs are completed, the district shall allow 4 these areas to be used by the public for recreational purposes 5 in the manner set forth in s. 373.59(10), considering the 6 suitability of these lands for such uses. These lands shall be 7 made available for recreational use unless the district governing board can demonstrate that such uses are 8 9 incompatible with the restoration goals of the Everglades 10 Construction Project or the water quality and hydrological purposes of the STAs or would otherwise adversely impact the 11 12 implementation of the project. The district shall give 13 preferential consideration to the hiring of agricultural workers displaced as a result of the Everglades Construction 14 15 Project, consistent with their qualifications and abilities, 16 for the construction and operation of these STAs. The 17 following milestones apply to the completion of the Everglades Construction Project as depicted in the February 15, 1994, 18 conceptual design document: 19

1. The district must complete the final design of the STA 1 East and West and pursue STA 1 East project components as part of a cost-shared program with the Federal Government. The district must be the local sponsor of the federal project that will include STA 1 East, and STA 1 West if so authorized by federal law. Land acquisition shall be completed for STA 1 West by April 1, 1996, and for STA 1 East by July 1, 1998;

27 2. Construction of STA 1 East is to be completed under
28 the direction of the United States Army Corps of Engineers in
29 conjunction with the currently authorized C-51 flood control
30 project by July 1, 2002;

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3. The district must complete construction of STA 1

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West and STA 1 Inflow and Distribution Works under the 1 2 direction of the United States Army Corps of Engineers, if the 3 direction is authorized under federal law, in conjunction with 4 the currently authorized C-51 flood control project, by January 1, 1999; 5 4. The district must complete construction of STA 2 by б 7 February 1, 1999; 8 5. The district must complete construction of STA 3/4 by October 1, 2003; 9 10 6. The district must complete construction of STA 5 by 11 January 1, 1999; and 12 7. The district must complete construction of STA 6 by October 1, 1997. 13 8. East Beach Water Control District, South Shore 14 15 Drainage District, South Florida Conservancy District, East Shore Water Control District, and the lessee of agricultural 16 17 lease number 3420 shall complete any system modifications described in the Everglades Construction Project to the extent 18 that funds are available from the Everglades Fund. These 19 entities shall divert the discharges described within the 20 Everglades Construction Project within 60 days of completion 21 22 of construction of the appropriate STA. Such required 23 modifications shall be deemed to be a part of each district's 24 plan of reclamation pursuant to chapter 298. 25 26 (Redesignate subsequent sections.) 27 28 29 30 And the title is amended as follows: 31 On page 23, line 13, after the semicolon, 4 11:52 AM 04/27/98 s0986c1c-20m0a

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1	and insert:	
2	amending s. 373.4592, F.S.; reducing the	
3	millage for ad valorem taxes within the	
4	Okeechobee Basin for purposes of the design,	
5	construction, and acquisition of the Everglades	
6	Construction Project; providing an expiration	
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