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Amendment No. ____

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Senator Crist moved the following amendment to amendment (043988):

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

On page 20, between lines 7 and 8,

insert:

Section 11. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section 373.4592, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

373.4592 Everglades improvement and management.--

(4) EVERGLADES PROGRAM.--

(a) Everglades Construction Project.--The district shall implement the Everglades Construction Project. By the time of completion of the project, the state, district, or other governmental authority shall purchase the inholdings in the Rotenberger and such other lands necessary to achieve a 2:1 mitigation ratio for the use of Brown's Farm and other similar lands, including those needed for the STA 1 Inflow and Distribution Works. The inclusion of public lands as part of the project is for the purpose of treating waters not coming from the EAA for hydroperiod restoration. It is the intent of

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1 the Legislature that the district aggressively pursue the
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
5 dependent upon factors beyond the control of the district,
6 including the timely receipt of funds from all contributors.
7 The district shall take all reasonable measures to complete
8 timely performance of the schedule in this section in order to
9 finish the Everglades Construction Project. The district shall
10 not delay implementation of the project beyond the time delay
11 caused by those circumstances and conditions that prevent
12 timely performance. The district shall not levy ad valorem
13 taxes in excess of 0.05 ~~0.1~~ mill within the Okeechobee Basin
14 for the purposes of the design, construction, and acquisition
15 of the Everglades Construction Project. The authority to levy
16 ad valorem taxes not in excess of 0.05 mill within the
17 Okeechobee Basin for the Everglades Construction Project
18 expires July 1, 2006.The ad valorem tax proceeds not
19 exceeding 0.05 ~~0.1~~ mill levied within the Okeechobee Basin for
20 such purposes shall be the sole direct district contribution
21 from district ad valorem taxes appropriated or expended for
22 the design, construction, and acquisition of the Everglades
23 Construction Project unless the Legislature by specific
24 amendment to this section increases the 0.05 ~~0.1~~ mill ad
25 valorem tax contribution, increases the agricultural privilege
26 taxes, or otherwise reallocates the relative contribution by
27 ad valorem taxpayers and taxpayers paying the agricultural
28 privilege taxes toward the funding of the design,
29 construction, and acquisition of the Everglades Construction
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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1 West and STA 1 Inflow and Distribution Works under the
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
5 January 1, 1999;

6 4. The district must complete construction of STA 2 by
7 February 1, 1999;

8 5. The district must complete construction of STA 3/4
9 by October 1, 2003;

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
13 October 1, 1997.

14 8. East Beach Water Control District, South Shore
15 Drainage District, South Florida Conservancy District, East
16 Shore Water Control District, and the lessee of agricultural
17 lease number 3420 shall complete any system modifications
18 described in the Everglades Construction Project to the extent
19 that funds are available from the Everglades Fund. These
20 entities shall divert the discharges described within the
21 Everglades Construction Project within 60 days of completion
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.

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26 (Redesignate subsequent sections.)

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29 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

30 And the title is amended as follows:

31 On page 23, line 13, after the semicolon,

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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
7 date for authority to levy such tax;

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