

HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY

[s1524.hms.doc]

BILL: CS/SB 1524
SPONSOR: Natural Resources and Senator Constantine
SUBJECT: Comprehensive Everglades Restoration
PREPARED BY: Senate Committee on Natural Resources
DATE: May 2, 2001

I. Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment 1 – 605113 (body with title)

II. Summary of Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment 1 requires that, once a Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) project component is approved by the DEP, the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) must provide the Joint Legislative Committee on Everglades Oversight (JLCEO) a schedule for implementing the project component, the estimated total cost of the project component, any existing federal or nonfederal credits, the estimated remaining federal and nonfederal share of costs, and an estimate of the amount of state funds that will be needed to implement the project component.

The amendment also revises s 373.4149, F.S., relating to the Miami-Dade County Lake Plan. The Phase II Plan is accepted, titled the Miami-Dade County Lake Belt Plan, and its purposes described. The boundaries of the Miami-Dade County Lake Belt area are revised and provisions creating the Miami-Dade County Lake Belt Plan Implementation Committee are repealed (the committee's work is complete).

Finally, s. 373.4595(4)(d), F.S., is amended to clarify that Lake Okeechobee Construction Projects that are exempt from permit requirements under s. 373.406, F.S., are also exempt from permitting for the Lake Okeechobee Protection Program.