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S. 3509

To amend the Water Resources Development Act of 2000 to provide for expedited project implementation relating to the comprehensive Everglades restoration plan.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

AUGUST 2, 2012

Mr. NELSON of Florida introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the ''Everglades for the Next Generation Act''.

SEC. 2. COMPREHENSIVE EVERGLADES RESTORATION PLAN.

Section 601(d) of the Water Resources Development Act of 2000 (Public Law 106–541; 114 Stat. 2684) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1), by inserting ''and subject to paragraph (3)'' after ''subsection (b) or (c)''; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

''(3) EXPEDITED PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION.—After completing a project implementation report prepared in accordance with subsections (f) and (h), the Secretary may carry out, without any further congressional authorization, projects for—

''(A) the Caloosahatchee River (C–43) West Basin Storage Reservoir;

''(B) the Biscayne Bay coastal wetland;

''(C) Broward County water preserve areas;

''(D) the C–111 Spreader Canal;

''(E) any other project identified in the Plan for which a project implementation report is completed that is in accordance with an integrated delivery schedule approved by the Chief of Engineers and the South Florida Water Management District, in consultation with the South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Task

Force, subject to the condition that the report is completed not later than 5 years after the date of enactment of this paragraph; and

"(F) any group of projects under the Plan that the Secretary determines will provide regional or watershed ecosystem or water supply benefits if the group of projects is constructed in accordance with a project implementation report approved by the Chief of Engineers and the South Florida Water Management District, in consultation with the South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Task Force, not later than 5 years after the date of enactment of this paragraph.".

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