

106TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 673

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 8, 2000

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and
Public Works

AN ACT

To authorize the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to make grants to the Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority and other appropriate agencies for the purpose of improving water quality throughout the marine ecosystem of the Florida Keys.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Florida Keys Water
5 Quality Improvements Act of 2000”.

6 **SEC. 2. FLORIDA KEYS WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENTS.**

7 Title I of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act
8 (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end
9 the following:

10 **“SEC. 121. FLORIDA KEYS.**

11 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the requirements of
12 this section, the Administrator may make grants to the
13 Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority, appropriate agencies of
14 municipalities of Monroe County, Florida, and other ap-
15 propriate public agencies of the State of Florida or Mon-
16 roe County for the planning and construction of treatment
17 works to improve water quality in the Florida Keys Na-
18 tional Marine Sanctuary.

19 “(b) CRITERIA FOR PROJECTS.—In applying for a
20 grant for a project under subsection (a), an applicant shall
21 demonstrate that—

22 “(1) the applicant has completed adequate plan-
23 ning and design activities for the project;

1 “(2) the applicant has completed a financial
2 plan identifying sources of non-Federal funding for
3 the project;

4 “(3) the project complies with—

5 “(A) applicable growth management ordi-
6 nances of Monroe County, Florida;

7 “(B) applicable agreements between Mon-
8 roe County, Florida, and the State of Florida to
9 manage growth in Monroe County, Florida; and

10 “(C) applicable water quality standards;
11 and

12 “(4) the project is consistent with the master
13 wastewater and stormwater plans for Monroe Coun-
14 ty, Florida.

15 “(c) CONSIDERATION.—In selecting projects to re-
16 ceive grants under subsection (a), the Administrator shall
17 consider whether a project will have substantial water
18 quality benefits relative to other projects under consider-
19 ation.

20 “(d) CONSULTATION.—In carrying out this section,
21 the Administrator shall consult with—

22 “(1) the Water Quality Steering Committee es-
23 tablished under section 8(d)(2)(A) of the Florida
24 Keys National Marine Sanctuary and Protection Act
25 (106 Stat. 5054);

1 “(2) the South Florida Ecosystem Restoration
2 Task Force established by section 528(f) of the
3 Water Resources Development Act of 1996 (110
4 Stat. 3771–3773);

5 “(3) the Commission on the Everglades estab-
6 lished by executive order of the Governor of the
7 State of Florida; and

8 “(4) other appropriate State and local govern-
9 ment officials.

10 “(e) NON-FEDERAL SHARE.—The non-Federal share
11 of the cost of a project carried out using amounts from
12 grants made under subsection (a) shall not be less than
13 25 percent.

14 “(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
15 is authorized to be appropriated to the Administrator to
16 carry out this section—

17 “(1) \$32,000,000 for fiscal year 2001;

18 “(2) \$31,000,000 for fiscal year 2002; and

19 “(3) \$50,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2003
20 through 2005.

21 Such sums shall remain available until expended.”.

22 **SEC. 3. SENSE OF THE CONGRESS; REQUIREMENT REGARD-**
23 **ING NOTICE.**

24 (a) PURCHASE OF AMERICAN-MADE EQUIPMENT
25 AND PRODUCTS.—In the case of any equipment or prod-

1 ucts that may be authorized to be purchased with financial
2 assistance provided under this Act (including any amend-
3 ment made by this Act), it is the sense of the Congress
4 that entities receiving such assistance should, in expending
5 the assistance, purchase only American-made equipment
6 and products.

7 (b) NOTICE TO RECIPIENTS OF ASSISTANCE.—In
8 providing financial assistance under this Act (including
9 any amendment made by this Act), the head of each Fed-
10 eral agency shall provide to each recipient of the assist-
11 ance a notice describing the statement made in subsection
12 (a) by the Congress.

13 (c) NOTICE OF REPORT.—Any entity which receives
14 funds under this Act shall report any expenditures on for-
15 eign-made items to the Congress within 180 days of the
16 expenditure.

Passed the House of Representatives May 4, 2000.

Attest:

JEFF TRANDAHL,

Clerk.