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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

A BILL

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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 “Everglades for the
5 Next Generation Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. COMPREHENSIVE EVERGLADES RESTORATION**
 2 **PLAN.**

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

6 (1) in paragraph (1), by inserting “and subject
 7 to paragraph (3)” after “subsection (b) or (c)”; and

8 (2) by adding at the end the following:

9 “(3) **EXPEDITED PROJECT IMPLEMENTA-**
 10 **TION.**—After completing a project implementation
 11 report prepared in accordance with subsections (f)
 12 and (h), the Secretary may carry out, without any
 13 further congressional authorization, projects for—

14 “(A) the Caloosahatchee River (C–43)
 15 West Basin Storage Reservoir;

16 “(B) the Biscayne Bay coastal wetland;

17 “(C) Broward County water preserve
 18 areas;

19 “(D) the C–111 Spreader Canal;

20 “(E) any other project identified in the
 21 Plan for which a project implementation report
 22 is completed that is in accordance with an inte-
 23 grated delivery schedule approved by the Chief
 24 of Engineers and the South Florida Water
 25 Management District, in consultation with the
 26 South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Task

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

4 “(F) any group of projects under the Plan
5 that the Secretary determines will provide re-
6 gional or watershed ecosystem or water supply
7 benefits if the group of projects is constructed
8 in accordance with a project implementation re-
9 port approved by the Chief of Engineers and
10 the South Florida Water Management District,
11 in consultation with the South Florida Eco-
12 system Restoration Task Force, not later than
13 5 years after the date of enactment of this
14 paragraph.”.

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