

**AMENDMENT****OFFERED BY MR. MAST OF FLORIDA**

At the appropriate place in title II, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 2 \_\_\_\_ . EXPEDITED AFTER-ACTION REVIEW OF LAKE**  
2 **OKEECHOBEE RECOVERY OPERATIONS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall expedite the  
4 completion of an After-Action Review for the Lake Okeechobee Recovery Operations that occurred between December 2024 and June 2025.

7 (b) REPORT.—Not later than December 31, 2026,  
8 the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives  
9 and the Committee on Environment and Public Works of  
10 the Senate a report on the After-Action Review described  
11 in subsection (a), including—

13 (1) a description of the rationale of the Secretary,  
14 including identification of any factors and  
15 any processes used by the Secretary, in deciding to  
16 implement the Lake Okeechobee Recovery Operations  
17 that occurred between December 2024 and  
18 June 2025;

1           (2) an assessment by the Secretary of such Re-  
2       covery Operations, including identification and as-  
3       sessment of the effects, if any, of such Recovery Op-  
4       erations on—

5           (A) the subaquatic vegetation and fauna in  
6       and around Lake Okeechobee;

7           (B) the ecology of estuaries and lagoons  
8       that received water transfers from Lake Okee-  
9       chobee, including effects on subaquatic vegeta-  
10      tion, adult oyster populations, and oyster repro-  
11      duction rates in such estuaries and lagoons;

12          (C) congressionally authorized project pur-  
13      poses of flood protection, water supply, protec-  
14      tion of fish and wildlife resources, and naviga-  
15      tion; and

16          (D) the total quantity of water, measured  
17      in cubic-feet, transferred through congression-  
18      ally authorized or funded projects;

19      (3) the identification of any periods during the  
20      18-month period beginning on June 30, 2025, of  
21      water excess or water shortage in Lake Okeechobee,  
22      a canal used for navigation in the vicinity of Lake  
23      Okeehcobee, or sources of water for drinking or  
24      other consumption located in the area south of Lake  
25      Okeechobee;

1           (4) an assessment of the ability of the Corps of  
2       Engineers to undertake Lake Okeechobee Recovery  
3       Operations again during the 5-year period beginning  
4       on the date of enactment of this Act; and

5           (5) an assessment of whether or not there may  
6       have been any adverse effects to water supply or  
7       other Congressionally authorized purposes, included  
8       but not limited to flood protection, protection of fish  
9       and wildlife resources, and navigation as a result of  
10      Lake Okeechobee Recovery Operations.

11      (c) LIMITATION.—In the report under subsection (b),  
12      the Secretary may not recommend—

13           (1) expanding Federal authority or oversight  
14      over waters or environmental programs of a State;  
15      or

16           (2) anything contrary to the original goals, pri-  
17      orities, or authorizations of the project for ecosystem  
18      restoration, Central and South Florida, Comprehen-  
19      sive Everglades Restoration Program, Lake Okee-  
20      chobee Watershed Restoration, Florida, authorized  
21      pursuant to section 601(d)(2)(B) of the Water Re-  
22      sources Development Act of 2000 (114 Stat. 2680;  
23      121 Stat. 1179; 134 Stat. 2673; 136 Stat. 3761;  
24      138 Stat. 3067).

