AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 7776
OFFERED BY MR. MAST OF FLORIDA

At the end of title I, add the following:

SEC. 1. NUTRIENT DREDGING DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall carry out a demonstration program to—

(1) carry out dredging to remove nutrients that fuel harmful algal blooms associated with water resources development projects; and

(2) research beneficial uses of the dredged material.

(b) CONSULTATION; USE OF EXISTING DATA AND PROGRAM AUTHORITIES.—In carrying out the demonstration program under subsection (a), the Secretary shall—

(1) consult with the heads of appropriate Federal and State agencies; and

(2) make maximum use of existing Federal and State data and ongoing programs and activities of Federal and State agencies.

(e) FOCUS AREA.—In carrying out the demonstration program under subsection (a), the Secretary shall under-
take program activities related to dredging for nutrient removal in Lake Okeechobee, Florida.

(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary $25,000,000 to carry out this section, to remain available until expended.