

*Marjory Stoneman Douglas talks about the overabundance of studies by the US Army Corps of Engineers*

Marjory Stoneman Douglas: We've got an awful lot of studies that we can go on, it doesn't need to be all restudied. We've got studies all over the place, the trouble with most of these studies, especially those that the Corps of Engineers made, they make a study and it gets on top of a shelf somewhere and collects dust and nobody ever sees it again. The first great study, the study of groundwater of Southeastern Florida, by Gerry Parker, which was done back in...well, he was working out in the early forties. That study has been shelved for so long I had the last copy that had been given me turn out to be the last copy anywhere, and Arthur Marshall hadn't even seen it. Arthur Marshall, our great environmentalist, who is head of all this movement hadn't even seen that study of the Southeastern. I don't think you've got it in your libraries, even. And Arthur read it and learned an awful lot, because there is a lot to be learned. Well, anyway, it's been studied and studied and studied, but I hope there will be some coordination of all the studies and we can get on with it. The problem with having the US Army Corps of Engineers in it is that they'll keep on studying until the end of time, because they love [it], and I don't know what they do when they study. They must be doing something else, because they were asked last year to report - the Governor got, Mrs. Tschinkel of the DER, to tell the Corps they had to come and give their reports on the restoration of the Kissimmee River, which we went to the Legislature and the Congress, and Congress told the Corps to start studying the restoration of the Kissimmee River, and Mrs. Tschinkel called them up last January to report and they had nothing to report. They said, "Well we've been studying water quality." They hadn't been studying water quality at all. They got sixty thousand dollars for that, if not more. They were told to go back to study it, began to study it at least, and they were supposed to report in December, and they still came back and they had done nothing. So the problem is, and I'm really doing the end of this speech first simply because I started talking about it this way, that we're going to have to go far beyond the Corps of Engineers to get anything done. And that I'm so, I'm particularly gratified, delighted and interested in the fact that the Governor, I think, is aware of that, and I think, probably will have to come under the jurisdiction of the State of Florida. We're going to have to get the Corps of Engineers off our necks before we get anything done, looks to me. We're going to have to take congressional action, and have it get back to the State. With the State we

might be able to get somewhere. Well, as I say, this is the end of the speech first, but never mind that.