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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Honorable Harold L. Ickes  
Secretary, Department of the Interior  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Ickes:

Re: The Everglades National Park Project Report  
and Recommendations accompanying letter of  
even date.

Everglades National Park Bills-

Fletcher - S. - 3197 passed August 22, 1935

Wilcox - H.S. - 8741 Union Calendar #635.

The above are companion bills calling for the elimination of the  
five year limiting clause contained in the Everglades National Park  
Enabling Act (May 30, 1935).

This clause does not occur in National Park Enabling Acts created  
either before or after the Everglades Act.

The Bureau of the Budget reports that the removal of this clause  
from the Everglades Act "would not be in conflict with the financial  
program of the President".

As the Everglades Park Enabling Act now reads, including the five  
year clause, the Everglades National Park Project is placed at a great  
disadvantage as compared with the other National Park Projects otherwise  
in the same class.

The letters of August 7, 1935, from the Secretary of the Interior  
to the Chairman of the Public Lands Committee, covers the arguments set  
forth in asking for the removal of this clause.