

Honorable Harold L. Ickes

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This letter also includes a statement in next to the last paragraph that in no wise has to do with the purpose of either of the above referred to bills. This can be readily seen by the contents of this letter as contained in its preceding paragraphs.

This referred to single paragraph is capital in the hands of the enemies of the Everglades Park Project and will be used by them when the Wilcox bill is up for action, either defeating the bill or causing it to be hopelessly mutilated. It is asked of you in due consideration for all interests concerned in this important national park matter, that an effective plan be pursued by the Department of the Interior by which Mr. Wilcox's bill be given the assurance that it is the recommendation of the Department of the Interior that (H. R. #741) be favorably considered by the House, in the form reported out by the House Public Lands Committee. A letter to this effect at an early date is earnestly asked for.

Interlocking Responsibilities between the Federal Government and the State of Florida.

In that the area authorized for the Everglades National Park contains properties owned by the Federal Government, State of Florida, and private concerns, its acquisition for a National Park presents a problem that involves joint action between the Federal Government and the State of Florida.

Required of the Federal Government.

The many activities well organized for advancing approved National Park Projects under the general direction of the Department of the Interior through its bureaus, also including assisting and being assisted