

At Home.
May 30th.1937.

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Mr. Ernest F. Coe, Ex Chmn.,
Everglades National Park Com.,
Court House, Miami, Fla.

My dear Mr. Coe:-

I came home for the week end and arrived last night at ten and leave in the morning to Tallahassee again to stay until the fight is over.

Mr. Copeland was up for two days and went home Saturday morning, without being able to see the Governor, altho he tried several times. He sent a letter to the Mansion to him however.

Mr. Copeland came up to prevent the inclusion of Collier County lands in to a new drainage district and I did not get your letter to me in time for the hearings before the committees but turned the letter over to him and he felt it might help. He did not believe that the bill would pass but I will keep track of it any way. Senator Wagg was the one who was trying to get the new district formed. See clipping.

Please see page from House Journal of the 28th. However we have the promise of getting our bill put on the special calendar for tomorrow and we certainly hope to get a good amount even if it is cut some. I have been told repeatedly that the Governor said that he will veto any thing above \$10,000 but I still can't believe he would turn down a chance to have a National Park. He has made the Welfare Board heads resign or rather abolished the Board entirely and this will give him a chance to appoint the whole Board.

Mr. Graham has seemed quite convinced and has impressed Mrs. Moore that the whole Board should resign and that we should take the \$10,000. as amended by the House Com. Senator Gomez and other do not agree and neither do I and will work for as much as I can get in the Bill. It is rather hard work tho when those who are supposed to be working with you are constantly running to the Governor. I have asked that no others approach him without my agreement to it and I will not go now until the Bill is passed or defeated and I really think we will win, altho they may cut us some but give us enough to work with.

Time is short now and we will work hard and fast. I certainly was glad to have Mr. Copeland come up. He has done some very effective and far reaching work and is a tower of strength and resourceful and exceedingly effective and knows what it is all about.

Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Pace are on hand but new at the work and Deeply interested.

I hope that many are wiring or writing the Governor.

Thanks for the voucher blanks. Find one for my last weeks expense and send it right back and I will get it at the Comptrollers office. I had hoped to be thru by now but must stay on to the bitter end. It is very hot and wearing in Tallahassee just now.

All good wishes,

Sincerely,

Mrs. W.S. Jennings.

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