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

My dear Mr. Coe:-

Please rush this voucher to the Comptroller and ask them to hold the check and hand it to me there. It is very hard for me to finance the work of the Commission and I hope that you can work out some way at once to advance the funds for the rest of the work. I have to keep my home and own affairs financed and it makes the expense double when I am away from home, so please work this out at once. You notify me in Tallahassee when to call for it at the Comptroller's office as I did for my expense voucher for the last meeting. I will be at the same address - 702 South Monroe St. Tallahassee.

We had a hearing of the Senate Appropriations Committee but no report out yet unless they brought it out Saturday morning. They were to try for that. The hearing was Wednesday afternoon and Miss Scott has, I am sure reported that meeting to you. It was of course, very much rushed and they gave us very little time. They were impressed with the publicity I think and the books of clipping were a great help. Mrs. Moore went back home Saturday and she will tell you what we did until she left.

Wednesday - no Thursday we had a hearing of 15 minutes before a sub-com. of the House Appropriation Committee. I think that we left a fairly favorable impression.

I have seen and talked to all of the 38 Senators except one and 50 out of the 95 House members. Mr. Copeland has done splendid service with wires and letters. The State Chamber of Commerce sent out a letter for me to all of the members of the Legislature which helped and Mr. Harold Colee is there most of the time and will help in any way possible. The House committee has not reported the bill out either.

I had some friends here who are helping me with some members of the House Committee. I will not need any other help on the ground now unless Mr. Graham Copeland finds it possible to come. The Governor is opposed to our appropriation and while he will let us have some funds our budget will be cut, I am sure but we will do the best we can.

I will go back to Tallahassee this afternoon or in the morning and stay all week if our bill does not get thru and I guess it won't. Please make a report to the members of the Commission for me from this, so they will know that we are on the job.

All good wishes and please rush some funds.

Sincerely,
May M. Jennings
Mrs. W.S. Jennings,
Official Representative of the Commission in Charge
of Legislation.

* 150 sent Mrs. Jennings
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Rush me a dozen copies of Federal law as it passed Congress creating Everglades National Park + authority for statement that Pres. had included the million + also hundred thousand to be used for Park

When Congress passed same also land from miles of things here things you would be sufficient if you have it much it long.