

WEKIVA RIVER, FLORIDA

SEPTEMBER 24, 1996.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, from the Committee on Resources,
submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H.R. 3155]

[Including cost estimate of the Congressional Budget Office]

The Committee on Resources, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 3155) to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act by designating the Wekiva River, Seminole Creek, and Rock Springs Run in the State of Florida for study and potential addition to the national wild and scenic rivers system, having considered the same, report favorably thereon with an amendment and recommend that the bill as amended do pass.

The amendment is as follows:

The amendment (stated in terms of the page and line number of the introduced bill) is as follows:

Page 2, line 9, strike “one year” and insert “two years”.

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of H.R. 3155 is to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act by designating the Wekiva River, Seminole Creek and Rock Springs Run in the State of Florida for study and potential addition to the national wild and scenic rivers system.

BACKGROUND AND NEED FOR LEGISLATION

H.R. 3155 provides for a study under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of the 27-mile long Wekiva River and several of its tributaries located in Central Florida.

The Wekiva River is a largely undeveloped stream which possesses good water quality, a rich diversity of biological resources and important geological features. It is already protected under State law as a Wild and Scenic River because of its resource val-

ues. In fact, the State of Florida has already acquired over 20,000 acres along its banks for preservation purposes. In addition, the federal government has already recognized the river as having a number of important features and has recommended it for study by placing it on the federal nationwide river inventory.

COMMITTEE ACTION

H.R. 3155 was introduced on March 22, 1996, by Congressman Bill McCollum (R-FL). The bill was referred to the Committee on Resources and within the Committee to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Lands. On July 9, 1996, the Subcommittee held a hearing on the bill where the Administration testified in support of the measure. On September 18, 1996, after discharging the Subcommittee from further consideration of the bill, the Full Committee met to consider H.R. 3155. Congressman Joel Hefley (R-CO) offered an amendment to extend the due date of the study from one to two years; it was adopted by unanimous consent. The bill, as amended, was then ordered favorably reported to the House of Representatives by voice vote.

SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. ADDITIONAL DESIGNATION

This section amends section 5 of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1276) to authorize a study of the Wekiva River, the Seminole Creek tributary and the Rock Springs Creek tributary for possible future designation under the Act.

SECTION 2. STUDY AND REPORT

Section 2 also amends section 5 of the Wild and Scenic River Act to require the study authorized under section 1 of the bill to be transmitted to Congress within two years after the date of enactment of H.R. 3155.

COMMITTEE OVERSIGHT FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

With respect to the requirements of clause 2(1)(3) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, and clause 2(b)(1) of rule X of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Resources' oversight findings and recommendations are reflected in the body of this report.

INFLATIONARY IMPACT STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 2(1)(4) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee estimates that the enactment of H.R. 3155 will have no significant inflationary impact on prices and costs in the operation of the national economy.

COST OF THE LEGISLATION

Clause 7(a) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives requires an estimate and a comparison by the Committee of the costs which would be incurred in carrying out H.R. 3155. However, clause 7(d) of that Rule provides that this requirement does

not apply when the Committee has included in its report a timely submitted cost estimate of the bill prepared by the Director of the Congressional Budget Office under section 403 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.

COMPLIANCE WITH HOUSE RULE XI

1. With respect to the requirement of clause 2(1)(3)(B) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives and section 308(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, H.R. 3155 does not contain any new budget authority, spending authority, credit authority, or an increase or decrease in revenues or tax expenditures.

2. With respect to the requirement of clause 2(1)(3)(D) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee has received no report of oversight findings and recommendations from the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight on the subject of H.R. 3155.

3. With respect to the requirement of clause 2(1)(3)(C) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives and section 403 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the Committee has received the following cost estimate for H.R. 3155 from the Director of the Congressional Budget Office.

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

U.S. CONGRESS,
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,
Washington, DC, September 20, 1996.

Hon. DON YOUNG,
*Chairman, Committee on Resources,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has reviewed H.R. 3155, a bill to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act by designating the Wekiva River, Seminole Creek, and Rock Springs Run in the state of Florida for study and potential addition to the national wild and scenic rivers system. H.R. 3155 was ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on September 18, 1996.

Based on information from the National Park Service (NPS), we estimate that carrying out the study specified in the bill would cost about \$200,000 over the 1997–1998 period, assuming appropriation of the estimated amount. The bill would direct the NPS to complete the study within two years. Enacting H.R. 3155 would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply to the bill.

H.R. 3155 contains no private-sector or intergovernmental mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (Public Law 104–4) and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contacts are Victoria V. Heid and Rachel Forward.

Sincerely,

JAMES L. BLUM
(For June E. O'Neill, Director).

COMPLIANCE WITH PUBLIC LAW 104-4

H.R. 3155 contains no unfunded mandates.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW MADE BY THE BILL, AS REPORTED

In compliance with clause 3 of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, changes in existing law made by the bill, as reported, are shown as follows (existing law proposed to be omitted is enclosed in black brackets, new matter is printed in italic, existing law in which no change is proposed is shown in roman):

SECTION 5 OF THE WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS ACT

SEC. 5. (a) The following rivers are hereby designated for potential addition to the national wild and scenic rivers system:

(1) * * *

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() *WEKIVA RIVER, FLORIDA.—(A) The entire river.*

(B) The Seminole Creek tributary.

(C) The Rock Springs Run tributary.

(b)(1) * * *

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() *The study of the Wekiva River and the tributaries designated in paragraph () of subsection (a) shall be completed and the report transmitted to Congress not later than two years after the date of the enactment of this paragraph.*

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