

118TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 5537

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 18, 2023

Mr. GIMENEZ (for himself and Mr. DIAZ-BALART) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Miccosukee Reserved  
5 Area Amendments Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. MICCOSUKEE RESERVED AREA ADDITION.**

2 Section 4(4) of the Miccosukee Reserved Area Act  
3 (16 U.S.C. 410 note; Public Law 105–313) is amended  
4 by adding at the end the following:

5 “(C) **ADDITIONAL AREA.**—In addition to  
6 the land described in subparagraph (B), the  
7 term ‘Miccosukee Reserved Area’ or ‘MRA’ in-  
8 cludes the portion of the Park that is known as  
9 ‘Osceola Camp’ and is depicted on the map en-  
10 titled ‘Everglades National Park, Proposed Ex-  
11 pansion–Miccosukee Reserved Area, Osceola  
12 Camp’, numbered 160/188443, and dated July  
13 2023, copies of which shall—

14 “(i) be kept available for public in-  
15 spection in the offices of the National Park  
16 Service; and

17 “(ii) be filed with appropriate officers  
18 of Miami-Dade County and the Tribe.”.

19 **SEC. 3. PROTECTION OF THE OSCEOLA CAMP FROM**  
20 **FLOODING.**

21 Section 8 of the Miccosukee Reserved Area Act (16  
22 U.S.C. 410 note; Public Law 105–313) is amended by  
23 adding at the end the following:

24 “(j) **PROTECTION OF OSCEOLA CAMP FROM FLOOD-**  
25 **ING.**—

1           “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years  
2 after the date of enactment of this subsection, the  
3 Secretary, in consultation with the Tribe, shall take  
4 appropriate actions to protect structures within the  
5 area described in section 4(4)(C) from flooding.

6           “(2) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—  
7 There are authorized to be appropriated to the Sec-  
8 retary such sums as are necessary to carry out para-  
9 graph (1) for fiscal year 2024 and each fiscal year  
10 thereafter, but not more than a total \$14,000,000.”.

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