

U.S. Representative Alcee L. Hastings Blasts President Bush's Veto of the Water Resource Development Act

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Ft. Lauderdale, FL – U.S. Representative Alcee L. Hastings (D-Miramar) issued the following statement today blasting President Bush's veto of the Water Resource Development Act (WRDA) of 2007 today:

“This veto proves once again how out of step this President is with the priorities of this country. Not only has he refused to give health insurance to 10 million children, but now President Bush is denying clean and safe drinking water to the American people.

“The polluted mindset of this Administration is a clear indication that they do not understand the dynamics of pollution in American society and certainly not in my district. I invite the President to drink the water in Western Palm Beach County and smell the water in the Indian River Lagoon. Maybe then he'll realize what he's done to my constituents today. Sadly, I doubt it.”

Among other significant projects, WRDA 2007 includes federal funding authorizations of \$7.5 million for the Lake Region Water Treatment Plant in Palm Beach County and \$1.8 billion to restore the Everglades, including \$1.365 billion for the clean-up of the Indian River Lagoon, \$375 million for the Picayune Strand, and \$80.8 million for the Site 1 impoundment project in Broward, Palm Beach and Miami-Dade Counties.

Attached is a detailed list of South Florida projects vetoed today by President Bush.

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