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- *On July 26, 2018, Nelson introduced an amendment to the Senate's spending bill that would open the door to federal assistance for states and local communities hardest hit by the toxic slime.*
- *On July 12, 2018, Nelson introduced legislation aimed at helping small business owners impacted by the toxic algal blooms plaguing South Florida's waterways. The legislation would authorize the Secretary of Treasury to designate areas that experience significant economic hardship due to the presence of a toxic algae bloom as "Toxic Algae Zones." Once designated, a small business operating in one of these Toxic Algae Zones would be able claim a tax deduction for any loss of earnings due to the bloom.*
- *On July 10, 2018, Nelson sent a letter to the CDC to provide the people of South Florida with detailed information on the short and long-term health effects associated with the toxic algae blooms that are plaguing Lake Okeechobee and the local waterways.*
- *On June 11, 2018, the Army Corps released its annual spending plan for the current fiscal year. Included in the plan were several projects that Nelson pushed for, including \$3.5 million to initiate and complete design for C-23/C-24 north reservoir and \$82 million for Herbert Hoover Dike.*
- *On June 21, 2018, Nelson cosponsored an amendment to the Energy and Water, Legislative Branch, and Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act expressing support for support for funding water quality features as part of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan.*
- *On June 5, 2018, Nelson called on Senate leaders to include the Everglades Agricultural Area reservoir project in this year's Water Resources Development Act (WRDA).*
- *On April 27, 2018, Nelson urged the Army Corps to begin design work on the C-23/C-24 reservoir during the current fiscal year, which ends Sept. 30, to keep the project on track as it's currently scheduled.*
- *On March 26, 2018, Nelson joined Senator Rubio in leading a delegation letter to the Army Corps urging the Corps to expedite review of the SFWMD's plan so that it could be ready for authorization in the upcoming Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) bill.*
- *On March 22, 2018, the Senate passed a spending bill that included funding for a number of projects Nelson pushed for, including \$76.5 million in total funding to protect and restore the Everglades and \$82 million to repair the Herbert Hoover Dike. The U.S. Army Corps*



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*budget was also increased, allowing for additional funding for dike repairs and additional funding for Everglades restoration.*

- *On Feb. 12, 2018, the president released a fiscal year 2019 federal budget that would force Floridians to contribute \$200 million towards the federal project comes just days after Congress approved a massive disaster funding bill that gave the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers \$10.4 billion to use on projects such as the dike – more than enough to cover the \$776.4 million the Corps says it needs to finish the project by 2022.*
- *On Feb. 9, 2018, Nelson sent a letter to President Trump requesting full funding for Everglades restoration projects and Herbert Hoover Dike in his FY2019 budget request.*
- *On Feb. 8, 2018, the Senate approved a massive two-year government spending bill that included funding Nelson pushed for (\$10.4 billion) for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to use for construction projects in states impacted by the hurricanes, such as the Herbert Hoover Dike. Nelson pushed for months for the funding to be included.*
- *On May 19, 2017, Nelson sent a letter to President Trump urging him to include in his FY18 budget request the funding needed to speed up the work being done on the Herbert Hoover Dike and complete the project three years ahead of schedule.*
- *On May 18, 2017, Nelson sent a letter with Sen. Rubio inviting Secretary Zinke to visit the Everglades in his new capacity as Secretary of the Interior.*
- *In 2017, Nelson introduced legislation to amend the Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Research and Control Act. Nelson's bill would authorize the use of \$110 million over a five year period for research into the causes and control of large algae blooms and hypoxia, formally add the Army Corps of Engineers to the algae bloom and hypoxia Task Force, and establish a process for the Administrator of NOAA or EPA to declare an Event of National Significance, which is similar to a fishery disaster and would trigger access to disaster-like funds in the case of a severe algae bloom or hypoxic event.*
- *On May 5, 2017, Nelson introduced the Everglades for the Next Generation Act, a bill to amend the Water Resources Development Act of 2000 to provide for expedited project implementation relating to the comprehensive Everglades restoration plan.*
  - *He introduced this same bill in 2012, 2013, and 2016.*
- *On April 17, 2017, Nelson sent a letter to Senate appropriators urging them to increase funding for the Army Corps of Engineers to speed up work on the Herbert Hoover Dike and complete the project by 2022, instead of 2025.*



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- *On July 6, 2016, Nelson sent a letter to Senate leadership urging the Senate take up WRDA, which included authorization for the Central Everglades Planning Project.*
- *On June 29, 2016, Nelson sent a letter to the Corps urging both short and long-term actions to address algae blooms, including raising L-29 to allow more water to flow south.*
- *On March 24, 2016, Nelson sent a letter to Secretaries Vilsack and Jewell requesting a doubling of the investment in the Everglades Headwaters National Wildlife Refuge.*
- *On Feb. 2, 2016, Nelson sent a letter to President Obama requesting \$200 million in Everglades funding in FY2017 budget.*
- *On Jan. 8, 2015, Nelson introduced a bill to amend the Water Resources Development Act of 2000 to authorize the Central Everglades Planning Project.*
- *In 2015, Nelson joined Rubio in filing S.124 to de-authorize the Ten Mile Creek Water Preserve Area. [This project was de-authorized as part of the FY2016 omnibus.]*
- *On Nov. 25, 2014, Nelson-led a delegation letter urging President Obama to include Everglades funding in his FY2016 budget request.*
- *On Sept. 18, 2014, Nelson introduced a bill to authorize the Central Everglades Planning Project, Florida, as part of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan.*
- *On April 23, 2014, Nelson and the Florida delegation sent a letter to WRDA 2014 conferees reiterating support for Everglades projects.*
- *In 2014, Nelson successfully shepherded the reauthorization of the the Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Research Control Act [Public Law 113-124] through Congress, which authorized \$82 million for research to help battle toxic algae outbreaks.*
- *On Oct. 27, 2009, Nelson cosponsored the Natural Resources Climate Adaptation Act to establish an integrated Federal program that protects, restores, and conserves natural resources by responding to the threats and effects of climate change.*
- *On July 30, 2008, Nelson introduced the Refuge Ecology Protection, Assistance, and Immediate Response Act to protect, conserve, and restore native fish, wildlife, and their natural habitats at national wildlife refuges through cooperative, incentive-based grants to control, mitigate, and eradicate harmful nonnative plant species, and for other purposes.*
- *On July 26, 2008, Nelson cosponsored the Everglades National Park Land Exchange Act of 2008 to provide for the resolution of several land ownership and related issues with respect to parcels of land located within the Everglades National Park.*



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- *On June 16, 2008, Nelson introduced the Everglades National Park Boundary Adjustment Act of 2008 to adjust the boundary of the Everglades National Park in Florida to include the Tarpon Basin property.*
- *On May 20, 2008, Nelson cosponsored the Lieberman-Warner Climate Security Act of 2007 to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a program to decrease emissions of greenhouse gases, and for other purposes.*
- *On Jan. 22, 2007, Nelson introduced Restoring the Everglades, an American Legacy Act of 2007 to authorize ecosystem restoration projects for the Indian River Lagoon-South and the Picayune Strand, Collier County, in Florida.*
  - *He also introduced this act in 2005, and cosponsored it in 2004.*
- *On July 27, 2006, Nelson introduced a bill to require the Secretary of the Army to conduct a federal study on the integrity of the Herbert Hoover Dike system. (This bill was passed as part of the 2007 WRDA bill that was signed into law.)*
- *On September 15, 2004, Nelson cosponsored a bill to authorize the exchange of certain land in Everglades National Park."*

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