



H.R. 1714 – TO CLARIFY THE BOUNDARIES OF COASTAL BARRIER RESOURCES SYSTEM CLAM PASS UNIT FL-64P

FLOOR SITUATION

H.R. 1714 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Connie Mack (R-FL) on March 27, 2007. The resolution was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources, but was never considered.

H.R. 1714 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on July 14, 2008.

SUMMARY

H.R. 1714 updates the map of the Coastal Barrier Resources System in Collier County, Florida, which is currently subtitled 'FL-64P'. The legislation replaces 'FL-64P' with another map of the System entitled 'Coastal Barrier Resources System Clam Pass Unit, FL-64P'.

This revised map would exclude 48 acres of private land mistakenly included in the System and include 65 acres of county land that are within the Clam Pass Conservation Area. The addition of this land to the System would enable those owning condominiums on the property to purchase flood insurance.

BACKGROUND

The 'John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System' was established by the Coastal Barriers Resources Act of 1982 (P.L. 97-348). This System is comprised of several undeveloped coastal barrier systems (such as the system in Collier County, Florida) found along the coasts of the Atlantic, Gulf, and Great Lakes. The geographic locations of these coastal barriers make them susceptible to hurricane damage. The Coastal Barriers Resources Act seeks to preserve these areas by restricting Federal expenditures in these areas which may encourage their development. Such restrictions include the purchasing of Federal flood insurance through the National Flood Insurance Program. While these areas may be developed by private individuals, no such investment may be underwritten by the Federal government under the Act.

[U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service - John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System](#)

[Current map of FL-64P](#)

COST

The Congressional Budget Office has not released a cost estimate for this legislation as of July 10, 2008.

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