

HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY

BILL: CS/SB 186

[S0186.HMS]

SPONSOR: Natural Resources Committee

SUBJECT: Environmental reorganization

PREPARED BY: Senate Committee on Natural Resources

DATE: May 5, 2000

I. Amendments Contained in Message

House Amendment 1 -- 021283 (body with title)

House Amendment 2 --752493 (body with title)

House Amendment 3 --753065 (body with title)

II. Summary of Amendments Contained in Message

House Amendment 1 makes a number of technical changes to conform various provisions relating to the Department of Environmental Protection and the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to the changes made last year as a result of the legislation that created the commission.

Authorizes the Department of Environmental Protection to receive or accept grants for the purpose of providing or improving public greenways and trails. The department is authorized to disburse funds as pass-through grants to federal, state, or local government agencies, recognized tribal units, or to nonprofit entities created for this purpose.

Repeals several outdated sections in ch. 370, F.S.

House Amendment 2 amends section 42 of CS/CS/386 to correct an error in that bill that inadvertently repealed the crawfish stamp. This amendment also repeals a provision that requires the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to reduce its budget by 5 percent.

House Amendment 3 provides for distribution of certain documentary stamp tax revenues to the Marine Conservation Trust Fund to be used for marine mammal care.