

Mahoney Urges Martinez to Avert Presidential WRDA Veto

(Jerusalem, Israel) - Congressman Tim Mahoney (FL-16), on a fact finding trip to Israel and the West Bank where he is meeting with both the Israeli and Palestinian Prime Ministers, wanted to thank Senator Martinez (FL) for his work with our senior Senator Bill Nelson (FL) on getting the Everglades projects included in the senate version of the WRDA Bill.

Mahoney also called on Senator Martinez to use his position as the head of the Republican Party to avert President Bush's promised veto of this critical legislation, which will bring more than \$1.3 billion in Everglades's restoration funds to Martin and St. Lucie counties.

"For the past seven years, President Bush and the Republican led Congress have failed to live up to the Federal Government's obligation to clean up the Indian River Lagoon. In the coming weeks WRDA will be on the President's desk for signing," said Congressman Mahoney. "The residents of the Treasure Coast and I ask Sen. Martinez, as General Chairman of the Republican National Committee, to urge the President not to veto this vital legislation."

In a letter to Congress on August 1, 2007, President Bush threatened to veto the Water Resources Development Act, H.R. 1495. On the same day, the House of Representatives approved the WRDA conference report by a bi-partisan vote of 381 - 40. The Senate is expected to pass the final legislation shortly after returning from their August recess.

Mahoney has pledged to work on overriding the President's veto, if the President follows through on his threat.

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