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CRC ACTION

Commissioner .
Comm: FAV .
12/15/2017 .
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The Committee on General Provisions (Thurlow-Lippisch)
recommended the following:

CRC Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the proposal clause
and insert:

Section 7 of Article II of the State Constitution is
amended to read:

ARTICLE II

GENERAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 7. Natural resources and scenic beauty.—

(a) It shall be the policy of the state to conserve and



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11 protect its natural resources and scenic beauty. Adequate
12 provision shall be made by law for the abatement of air and
13 water pollution and of excessive and unnecessary noise and for
14 the conservation and protection of natural resources.

15 (b) Those in the Everglades Agricultural Area who cause
16 water pollution within the Everglades Protection Area or the
17 Everglades Agricultural Area shall be primarily responsible for
18 paying the costs of the abatement of that pollution. For the
19 purposes of this subsection, the terms "Everglades Protection
20 Area" and "Everglades Agricultural Area" shall have the meanings
21 as defined in statutes in effect on January 1, 1996.

22 (c) To protect the people of Florida and their environment,
23 drilling for exploration or extraction of oil or natural gas is
24 prohibited on lands beneath all state waters which have not been
25 alienated and that lie between the mean high water line and the
26 outermost boundaries of the state's territorial seas. This
27 prohibition does not apply to the transportation of oil and gas
28 products produced outside of such waters. This section is self-
29 executing.

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31 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

32 And the title is amended as follows:

33 Delete everything before the proposal clause
34 and insert:

35 A proposal to amend
36 Section 7 of Article X of the State Constitution to
37 prohibit the drilling for exploration and extraction of oil
38 and natural gas in specified coastal waters.

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