



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 3055
Miccosukee Reserved Area Act

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on July 22, 1998

H.R. 3055 would clarify the rights of the Miccosukee to occupy and use land within the boundaries of the Everglades National Park. The bill would give the tribe the exclusive right to use and develop an area of the park to be known as the Miccosukee Reserved Area (MRA) and would terminate the special use permit that currently governs the tribe's use of this area. The tribe would be responsible for complying with environmental and other laws, certain development restrictions, commercial restrictions, such as a prohibition against gaming on MRA lands, and other conditions established by the bill.

CBO estimates enacting H.R. 3055 would have no effect on the federal budget. The bill restates an agreement between the federal government and the Miccosukee Indian Tribe. It also would provide for compensation to the Miccosukee for water restoration projects in the Florida Everglades. Because both the projects and compensation are authorized under existing law, the bill would have no budgetary impact. H.R. 3055 would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. The bill contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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