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HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Representatives St. Germain and Ortego to Engrossed House Concurrent Resolution No. 159 by Representative Patrick Williams

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 3, after "Salvinia" insert a comma "," and "water hyacinth, and hydrilla"

3 AMENDMENT NO. 2

4 On page 2, between lines 6 and 7, insert the following:

5 "WHEREAS, water hyacinth, a South American native, was first introduced
6 to the United States as an ornamental plant at the World's Industrial and Cotton
7 Centennial Exposition in New Orleans in 1884 and frequently clogs bayous and
8 canals, impedes boat traffic, slows water currents, and blocks light to native
9 submerged aquatic vegetation, degrading water quality and harming wildlife; and
10 WHEREAS, hydrilla, originally from Asia, is a rooted, aquatic weed that
11 inhabits both deep and shallow waters forming thick mats that impede boat traffic
12 and swimming and adversely affects water quality by shading out native vegetation,
13 lowering dissolved oxygen concentrations, and can result in fish kills."

14 AMENDMENT NO. 3

15 On page 2, line 9, after "Salvinia" insert a comma "," and "water hyacinth, and hydrilla"