

Following the weekend highway tragedy that took 27 lives in an Everglades canal, Governor Farris Bryant made the following statement:

"I want to express my deep regrets and condolences to the surviving members of the families of those who died in the mishap. The hearts of all our citizens go out to those who have this tremendous sorrow to bear.

"I am requesting this day a special report from the Florida Highway Patrol on this matter. We want to know if there is any way in which this could have been avoided through some action by the State. Additionally, we want to do everything in our power to see that it never happens again."