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**Statement of Senator Bob Graham  
National Wildlife Refuge Association Report on Invasive Species  
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“As the chairman of the Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Water, I am concerned about the special threat that invasive species pose to our refuges. As a Floridian and longtime supporter of Everglades ecosystem restoration, I am keenly aware of the negative impacts of invasives like melaleuca on the Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge and other areas of South Florida.

“I am pleased to hear the recommendations of the National Wildlife Refuge Association on ways to eliminate invasive species on America’s wildlife refuges. Next year’s centennial anniversary of the National Wildlife Refuge System is a reminder of the importance of the long-term prosperity of these jewels of our public lands.”