

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT  
FOR H.R. 5303  
OFFERED BY MR. BYRNE OF ALABAMA**

At the end of title I, add the following:

1 **SEC. \_\_\_\_ . GULF COAST OYSTER BED RECOVERY ASSESS-**  
2 **MENT.**

3 (a) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

4 (1) **GULF STATES.**—The term “Gulf States”  
5 means each of the States of Alabama, Florida, Lou-  
6 isiana, Mississippi, and Texas.

7 (2) **SECRETARY.**—The term “Secretary” means  
8 the Secretary of the Army, acting through the Chief  
9 of Engineers.

10 (b) **GULF COAST OYSTER BED RECOVERY ASSESS-**  
11 **MENT.**—The Secretary, in coordination with the Gulf  
12 States, shall conduct an assessment relating to the recov-  
13 ery of oyster beds on the coast of Gulf States that were  
14 damaged by events including—

15 (1) Hurricane Katrina in 2005;

16 (2) the Deepwater Horizon oil spill in 2010;

17 and

18 (3) floods in 2011 and 2016.

1           (c) INCLUSION.—The assessment conducted under  
2 subsection (b) shall address the beneficial use of dredged  
3 material in providing substrate for oyster bed develop-  
4 ment.

5           (d) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date  
6 of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to  
7 the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the  
8 Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infra-  
9 structure of the House of Representatives a report on the  
10 assessment conducted under subsection (b).

