

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
FOR H.R. 8
OFFERED BY MR. DESANTIS OF FLORIDA**

At the end of the bill, add the following new title:

1 **TITLE VII—OTHER MATTERS**

2 **SEC. 7001. GAO STUDY AND REPORT ON RENEWABLE FUEL**
3 **STANDARD.**

4 (a) STUDY.—The Comptroller General of the United
5 States shall conduct a study on the renewable fuel stand-
6 ard (in this section referred to as the “RFS”) established
7 pursuant to section 211(o) of the Clean Air Act (42
8 U.S.C. 7545(o)) with respect to—

9 (1) the market for ethanol if the RFS were not
10 in effect;

11 (2) the increase in food prices caused by the
12 RFS and the impact of such increase on the world’s
13 poorest citizens;

14 (3) the adverse impacts of the RFS in rural
15 areas of the United States; and

16 (4) the environmental consequences of increas-
17 ing the annual volume obligations for renewable fuel
18 of the RFS.

1 (b) CONSIDERATION OF REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS
2 ON EXPORT OF CRUDE OIL.—The study under this sec-
3 tion shall take into consideration the removal pursuant to
4 this Act of restrictions on the export of crude oil, including
5 an analysis of—

6 (1) whether the annual volume obligations for
7 renewable fuel remain necessary for increasing the
8 energy independence of the United States;

9 (2) the extent to which the RFS acts as a de-
10 terrent against additional light sweet refining capac-
11 ity investments, requiring an allocation of refiners'
12 capital to direct and indirect costs of the RFS;

13 (3) implementation challenges, including with
14 respect to—

15 (A) operation of and volatility in the mar-
16 ket for renewable identification numbers
17 (“RINs”); and

18 (B) potential for fraud in the market; and

19 (4) benefits associated with legislative or regu-
20 latory changes to the RFS, including changes to the
21 basis for establishing the annual volume obligations
22 for renewable fuel.

23 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
24 of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the
25 United States shall complete the study under subsection

- 1 (a) and submit a report to the Congress on the results
- 2 of such study.

