

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT  
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OFFERED BY MR. FLORES OF TEXAS**

At the end of title XII, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. \_\_\_\_ . REPORT ON NATIONAL OCEAN POLICY.**

2 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

3 (1) Executive Order 13547, issued on July 19,  
4 2010, established the national policy for the Stew-  
5 ardsip of the Ocean, Our Coasts, and the Great  
6 Lakes and requires—

7 (A) Federal implementation of “ecosystem-  
8 based management” to achieve a “fundamental  
9 shift” in how the United States manages ocean,  
10 coastal, and Great Lakes resources; and

11 (B) the establishment of nine new govern-  
12 mental “Regional Planning Bodies” and  
13 “Coastal and Marine Spatial Plans” in every  
14 region of the United States.

15 (2) Executive Order 13547 created a 54-mem-  
16 ber National Ocean Council led by the White House  
17 Council on Environmental Quality and Office of  
18 Science and Technology Policy that includes 54 prin-

1        ciproal and deputy-level representatives from Federal  
2        entities, including the Department of Agriculture.

3            (3) Executive Order 13547 requires National  
4        Ocean Council members, including the Department  
5        of Agriculture, to take action to implement the Pol-  
6        icy and participate in coastal and marine spatial  
7        planning to the maximum extent possible.

8            (4) The Final Recommendations of the Inter-  
9        agency Ocean Policy Task Force that were adopted  
10       by Executive Order 13547 state that “effective” im-  
11       plementation of the National Ocean Policy will “re-  
12       quire clear and easily understood requirements and  
13       regulations, where appropriate, that include enforce-  
14       ment as a critical component”.

15           (5) Despite repeated Congressional requests,  
16       the National Ocean Council, which is charged with  
17       overseeing implementation of the policy, has still not  
18       provided a complete accounting of Federal activities  
19       under the policy and resources expended and allo-  
20       cated in furtherance of implementation of the policy.

21           (6) The continued economic and budgetary  
22       challenges of the United States underscore the ne-  
23       cessity for sound, transparent, and practical Federal  
24       policies.

1           (b) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after the date  
2 of the enactment of this Act, the Inspector General of the  
3 Department of Agriculture shall submit to the Committee  
4 on Agriculture of the House of Representatives and the  
5 Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the  
6 Senate a report detailing—

7           (1) all activities engaged in and resources ex-  
8           pended in furtherance of Executive Order 13547  
9           since July 19, 2010; and

10           (2) any budget requests for fiscal year 2014 for  
11           support of implementation of Executive Order  
12           13547.

