

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
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At the end of title XXXV (page 885, after line 19)
add the following:

1 **SEC. ____ . MELVILLE HALL OF UNITED STATES MERCHANT**
2 **MARINE ACADEMY.**

3 (a) GIFT TO THE MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY.—
4 The Maritime Administrator may accept a gift of money
5 from the Foundation under section 51315 of title 46,
6 United States Code, for the purpose of renovating Melville
7 Hall on the campus of the United States Merchant Marine
8 Academy.

9 (b) COVERED GIFTS.—A gift described in this sub-
10 section is a gift under subsection (a) that the Maritime
11 Administrator determines exceeds the sum of—

12 (1) the minimum amount that is sufficient to
13 ensure the renovation of Melville Hall in accordance
14 with the capital improvement plan of the United
15 States Merchant Marine Academy that was in effect
16 on the date of enactment of this Act; and

17 (2) 25 percent of the amount described in para-
18 graph (1).

1 (c) OPERATION CONTRACTS.—Subject to subsection
2 (d), in the case that the Maritime Administrator accepts
3 a gift of money described in subsection (b), the Maritime
4 Administrator may enter into a contract with the Founda-
5 tion for the operation of Melville Hall to make available
6 facilities for, among other possible uses, official academy
7 functions, third-party catering functions, and industry
8 events and conferences.

9 (d) CONTRACT TERMS.—The contract described in
10 subsection (c) shall be for such period and on such terms
11 as the Maritime Administrator considers appropriate, in-
12 cluding a provision, mutually agreeable to the Maritime
13 Administrator and the Foundation, that—

14 (1) requires the Foundation—

15 (A) at the expense solely of the Foundation
16 through the term of the contract to maintain
17 Melville Hall in a condition that is as good as
18 or better than the condition Melville Hall was
19 in on the later of—

20 (i) the date that the renovation of
21 Melville Hall was completed; or

22 (ii) the date that the Foundation ac-
23 cepted Melville Hall after it was tendered
24 to the Foundation by the Maritime Admin-
25 istrator; and

1 (B) to deposit all proceeds from the oper-
2 ation of Melville Hall, after expenses necessary
3 for the operation and maintenance of Melville
4 Hall, into the account of the Regimental Affairs
5 Non-Appropriated Fund Instrumentality or suc-
6 cessor entity, to be used solely for the morale
7 and welfare of the cadets of the United States
8 Merchant Marine Academy; and

9 (2) prohibits the use of Melville Hall as lodging
10 or an office by any person for more than 4 days in
11 any calendar year other than—

12 (A) by the United States; or

13 (B) for the administration and operation of
14 Melville Hall.

15 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

16 (1) CONTRACT.—The term “contract” includes
17 any modification, extension, or renewal of the con-
18 tract.

19 (2) FOUNDATION.—In this section, the term
20 “Foundation” means the United States Merchant
21 Marine Academy Alumni Association and Founda-
22 tion, Inc.

23 (f) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
24 tion may be construed under section 3105 of title 41,
25 United States Code, as requiring the Maritime Adminis-

- 1 trator to award a contract for the operation of Melville
- 2 Hall to the Foundation.

