

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
FOR H.R. 5303
OFFERED BY MR. NORCROSS OF NEW JERSEY**

1 At the end of title I, add the following:

2 **SEC. 1 ____ . REGIONAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL COLLABO-**
3 **RATION ON COASTAL RESILIENCE.**

4 Section 731 of the Water Resources Development Act
5 of 1986 (33 U.S.C. 426 note; Public Law 99–662) is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 **“SEC. 731. REGIONAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL COLLABORA-**
8 **TION ON COASTAL RESILIENCE.**

9 “(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

10 “(1) extreme weather events, changing sea lev-
11 els, and related alterations to natural coastal sys-
12 tems may have a significant impact on the safety
13 and health of coastal communities and ecosystems,
14 critical infrastructure, and the security of related
15 coastal economies;

16 “(2) a collaborative intergovernmental approach
17 may provide long-term benefits to improving the re-
18 silience of coastal communities and economies that
19 are vital to national enjoyment and provide regional
20 and national economic benefits; and

1 “(3) a vision for national coastal protection and
2 resilience policy is needed, and the policy should—

3 “(A) be based on intergovernmental col-
4 laboration to reduce coastal risk; and

5 “(B) recognize that an effective national
6 policy requires consideration of regionally
7 unique features and characteristics, as de-
8 scribed in subsection (c)(3).

9 “(b) REGIONAL ASSESSMENTS.—

10 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may conduct
11 regional assessments of coastal and back bay protec-
12 tion and of Federal and State policies and programs
13 related to coastal water resources in view of the
14 prospect for long-term impacts from the factors re-
15 ferred to in subsection (a).

16 “(2) COOPERATION.—In carrying out para-
17 graph (1), the Secretary shall cooperate with—

18 “(A) the Administrator of the National
19 Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration;

20 “(B) the Administrator of the Federal
21 Emergency Management Agency;

22 “(C) the Director of the Bureau of Ocean
23 Energy Management;

24 “(D) the Administrator of the Environ-
25 mental Protection Agency;

1 “(E) heads of other appropriate Federal
2 agencies;

3 “(F) States that have approved coastal
4 management programs and appropriate agen-
5 cies of those States;

6 “(G) local governments; and

7 “(H) the private sector.

8 “(3) REQUIREMENTS.—A regional assessment
9 conducted under paragraph (1) shall include—

10 “(A) an assessment of the probability and
11 the extent of coastal flooding and erosion, in-
12 cluding back bay and estuarine flooding;

13 “(B) an appraisal of various strategies and
14 incentives for reducing coastal risk through
15 managing relocation, disinvestment, and rein-
16 vestment in coastal communities exposed to
17 coastal flooding and erosion;

18 “(C) a summary of the legal and institu-
19 tional programs, policies, and practices related
20 to the impacts of coastal flooding on riparian
21 land that may result in impediments to the re-
22 duction of the exposure of people and critical
23 public and private infrastructure to coastal risk;

24 “(D) recommendations for policies and
25 other measures related to regional Federal,

1 State, local, and private participation in shore-
2 line and back-bay protection projects;

3 “(E) an evaluation of the performance of
4 existing Federal coastal storm damage reduc-
5 tion, ecosystem restoration, and navigation
6 projects, including recommendations for the im-
7 provement of those projects;

8 “(F) an assessment of the value and im-
9 pacts of implementation of regional, systems-
10 based, watershed-based, and interstate ap-
11 proaches if practicable;

12 “(G) recommendations for the demonstra-
13 tion of methodologies for resilience through the
14 use of natural and nature-based infrastructure
15 approaches as support to, or in place of, engi-
16 neered infrastructure, as appropriate; and

17 “(H) recommendations regarding alter-
18 native sources of funding for new and existing
19 projects.

20 “(c) STREAMLINING.—In carrying out this section,
21 the Secretary shall—

22 “(1) to the maximum extent practicable, use ex-
23 isting research done by Federal, State, regional,
24 local, and private entities to eliminate redundancies
25 and related costs;

1 “(2) receive from any of the entities described
2 in subsection (b)(2)—

3 “(A) contributed funds; or

4 “(B) research that may be eligible for
5 credit as work-in-kind under applicable Federal
6 law; and

7 “(3) enable each District or combination of Dis-
8 tricts of the Corps of Engineers that jointly partici-
9 pate in carrying out an assessment under this sec-
10 tion to consider regionally appropriate engineering,
11 biological, ecological, social, economic, and other fac-
12 tors in carrying out the assessment.

13 “(d) REPORTS.—The Secretary shall submit to the
14 Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Sen-
15 ate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastruc-
16 ture of the House of Representatives all reports and rec-
17 ommendations prepared under this section, together with
18 any necessary supporting documentation.

19 “(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
20 is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
21 \$10,000,000 for each fiscal year.”.

