

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4310, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. YOUNG OF ALASKA**

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

1 **SEC. 35 ____ . DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NATIONAL STRA-**
2 **TEGIC PORTS STUDY AND COMPTROLLER**
3 **GENERAL STUDIES AND REPORTS ON STRA-**
4 **TEGIC PORTS.**

5 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS ON COMPLETION OF DOD
6 REPORT.—It is the sense of Congress that the Secretary
7 of Defense should expedite completion of the study of stra-
8 tegic ports in the United States called for in the con-
9 ference report to accompany the National Defense Author-
10 ization Act for Fiscal Year 2012 (Conference Report 112–
11 329) so that it can be submitted to Congress before Sep-
12 tember 30, 2012.

13 (b) SUBMISSION OF REPORT TO COMPTROLLER GEN-
14 ERAL.—In addition to submitting the report referred to
15 in subsection (a) to Congress, the Secretary of Defense
16 shall submit the report to the Comptroller General of the
17 United States for consideration under subsection (c).

18 (c) COMPTROLLER GENERAL STUDIES AND REPORTS
19 ON STRATEGIC PORTS.—

1 (1) COMPTROLLER GENERAL REVIEW.—Not
2 later than 90 days after receipt of the report re-
3 ferred to in subsection (a), the Comptroller General
4 shall conduct an assessment of the report and sub-
5 mit to the congressional defense committees a report
6 of such assessment.

7 (2) COMPTROLLER GENERAL STUDY AND RE-
8 PORT.—Not later than 270 days after the enactment
9 of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United
10 States shall conduct a study of the Department of
11 Defense’s programs and efforts related to the state
12 of strategic ports with respect to the Department’s
13 operational and readiness requirements, and report
14 to the congressional defense committees on the find-
15 ings of such study. The report should include an as-
16 sessment of—

17 (A) the extent to which the facilities at
18 strategic ports meet the Department of De-
19 fense’s requirements;

20 (B) the extent to which the Department
21 has identified gaps in the ability of existing
22 strategic ports to meet its needs and identified
23 and undertaken efforts to address any gaps;
24 and

1 (C) the Department’s ability to oversee, co-
2 ordinate, and provide security for military de-
3 ployments through strategic ports.

4 (d) STRATEGIC SEAPORT DEFINED.—In this section,
5 the term “strategic port” means a United States port des-
6 ignated by the Secretary of Defense as a significant trans-
7 portation hub important to the readiness and cargo
8 throughput capacity of the Department of Defense.

