

AMENDMENT
TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 115-72
OFFERED BY MR. ALLEN OF GEORGIA

Add at the end of title I the following:

1 **SEC. ____ . NEW SAVANNAH BLUFF LOCK AND DAM, GEOR-**
2 **GIA AND SOUTH CAROLINA.**

3 Section 1319 of the Water Resources Development
4 Act of 2016 (130 Stat. 1703) is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (b), by amending paragraph
6 (1) to read as follows:

7 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Effective beginning on the
8 date of enactment of the Water Resources Develop-
9 ment Act of 2016 (130 Stat. 1632), the New Savan-
10 nah Bluff Lock and Dam is deauthorized.”;

11 (2) by amending subsection (c) to read as fol-
12 lows:

13 “(c) FISH PASSAGE.—Fish passage at the New Sa-
14 vannah Bluff Lock and Dam as set forth in the Report
15 of the Chief of Engineers of August 12, 2012, with such
16 modifications as in the discretion of the Chief of Engineers
17 may be advisable, remains authorized as a mitigation fea-
18 ture of the Project.”; and

1 (3) by inserting after subsection (c) the fol-
2 lowing:

3 “(d) REPAIR AND CONVEYANCE.—Separately from
4 such repairs and rehabilitation of the New Savannah Lock
5 and Dam undertaken as a component of the fish passage
6 mitigation feature of the Project described in subsection
7 (c), which will remain part of the Project, the Secretary
8 shall—

9 “(1) after execution of an agreement between
10 the Secretary and the city of North Augusta or
11 Aiken County, South Carolina, or the City of Au-
12 gusta, Georgia, or any combination thereof, repair
13 and rehabilitate the deauthorized New Savannah
14 Bluff Lock and Dam at full Federal expense and,
15 after repair and rehabilitation, convey the New Sa-
16 vannah Bluff Lock and Dam, without consideration,
17 to the city of North Augusta or Aiken County,
18 South Carolina, or the City of Augusta, Georgia, or
19 any combination thereof; or

20 “(2) if agreement cannot be reached with the
21 city of North Augusta or Aiken County, South Caro-
22 lina, or the City of Augusta, Georgia, or any com-
23 bination thereof, dispose of the New Savannah Bluff
24 Lock and Dam under subchapter III of chapter 5 of
25 title 40, United States Code.

1 “(e) OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE.—

2 “(1) BEFORE CONVEYANCE.—Before the con-
3 veyance under subsection (d)(1), the Secretary shall
4 continue to maintain the deauthorized New Savan-
5 nah Bluff Lock and Dam structure.

6 “(2) AFTER CONVEYANCE.—After the convey-
7 ance under subsection (d)(1), operation and mainte-
8 nance of all features of the New Savannah Bluff
9 Lock and Dam shall be a non-Federal responsibility.
10 The New Savannah Bluff Lock and Dam shall not
11 be operated or maintained in a manner that inter-
12 feres with or is otherwise inconsistent with the oper-
13 ation of a fish passage mitigation feature of the
14 Project.

15 “(f) CONTRIBUTED FUNDS.—The Secretary may ac-
16 cept and expend funds received from non-Federal public
17 or private entities for planning, design, construction, or
18 other expenses related to the performance of subsections
19 (d) and (e)(1).”.

