AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
FOR H.R. 5303
OFFERED BY MR. BYRNE OF ALABAMA

At the end of title I, add the following:

SEC. 111. GULF COAST OYSTER BED RECOVERY ASSESSMENT.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) GULF STATES.—The term “Gulf States” means each of the States of Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas.

(2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Army, acting through the Chief of Engineers.

(b) GULF COAST OYSTER BED RECOVERY ASSESSMENT.—The Secretary, in coordination with the Gulf States, shall conduct an assessment relating to the recovery of oyster beds on the coast of Gulf States that were damaged by events including—

(1) Hurricane Katrina in 2005;

(2) the Deepwater Horizon oil spill in 2010;

and

(3) floods in 2011 and 2016.
(c) INCLUSION.—The assessment conducted under subsection (b) shall address the beneficial use of dredged material in providing substrate for oyster bed development.

(d) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives a report on the assessment conducted under subsection (b).