AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT OF H.R. 1960

OFFERED BY MR. BARR OF KENTUCKY

Page 106, after line 8, insert the following:

1SEC. 324. PROHIBITION ON CONVERTING THE PERFORM-2ANCE OF CERTAIN FUNCTIONS FROM CON-3TRACTOR PERFORMANCE TO PERFORMANCE4BY FEDERAL EMPLOYEES.

5 (a) PROHIBITION.—Notwithstanding any other provi-6 sion of law, except as provided under subsection (b), no Federal department or agency may implement or carry out 7 a guideline, regulation, circular, policy, or other instru-8 9 ment to enable a Federal department or agency to convert 10 to performance by Federal employees any function that, before the date of the enactment of this Act, was per-11 12 formed by contractor employees.

13 (b) EXCEPTIONS.— The prohibition in this section14 shall not apply to a function—

(1) that is an inherently governmental function
as that term is defined in section 5 of the Federal
Activities Inventory Reform Act of 1998 (Public
Law 105-270; 31 U.S.C. 501 note); or

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1 (2) if head of the department or agency deter-2 mines and certifies to Congress in accordance with 3 regulations promulgated by the Director of the Of-4 fice of Management and Budget that the Federal 5 Government performance of the function is nec-6 essary for the national defense or homeland security. 7 (c) PUBLIC-PRIVATE COMPETITION REQUIRED.—Be-8 fore any Federal department or agency may convert any 9 function from performance by a contractor to performance 10 by a civilian employee of the department or agency, the department or agency shall conduct a public-private com-11 12 petition similar to a public-private competition under Of-13 fice of Management and Budget Circular A-76 that examines the cost of performance of the function by civilian 14 15 employees and the cost of performance of the function by one or more contractors to demonstrate whether con-16 verting to performance by civilian employees will result in 17 18 savings to the Government over the life of the contract. 19 Upon completion of the competition, the Federal department or agency shall select the option that is determined 20 21 pursuant to the competition to result in the most savings 22 to the Government.

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