AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 115–23

OFFERED BY MR. CULBERSON OF TEXAS

Add at the end of subtitle E of title XXVIII the following:

SEC. 2844. BATTLESHIP PRESERVATION GRANT PROGRAM.

(a) Establishment.—There is hereby established within the Department of the Interior a grant program for the preservation of our nation’s most historic battleships.

(b) Use of Grants.—Amounts received through grants under this section shall be used for the preservation of our nation’s most historic battleships in a manner that is self-sustaining and has an educational component.

(c) Criteria for Eligibility.—To be eligible for a grant under this section, an entity shall—

(1) submit an application under procedures prescribed by the Secretary;

(2) match the amount of the grant, on a 1-to-1 basis, with non-Federal assets from non-Federal sources, which may include cash or durable goods and materials fairly valued as determined by the Secretary;
(3) maintain records as may be reasonably nec-

essary to fully disclose—

(A) the amount and the disposition of the

proceeds of the grant;

(B) the total cost of the project for which

the grant is made; and

(C) other records as may be required by

the Secretary, including such records as will fa-
cilitate an effective accounting for project

funds; and

(4) provide access to the Secretary for the pur-

poses of any required audit and examination of any

books, documents, papers, and records of the entity.

(d) MOST HISTORIC BATTLESHIP DEFINED.—In this

section, the term “most historic battleship” means a bat-
tleship that is—

(1) between 75 and 115 years old;

(2) listed on the National Register of Historic

Places; and

(3) located within the State for which it was

named.

(e) SAVINGS PROVISION.—The authorities contained

in this section shall be in addition to, and shall not be

construed to supercede or modify those contained in the

(f) PRIVATE PROPERTY PROTECTION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—No Federal funds made available to carry out this section may be used to acquire any real property, or any interest in any real property, without the written consent of the owner (or owners) of that property or interest in property.

(2) NO DESIGNATION.—The authority granted by this section shall not constitute a Federal designation or have any effect on private property ownership.

(g) SUNSET.—The authority to make grants under this section expires on September 30, 2024.