

AMENDMENT TO
RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 115-70
OFFERED BY MR. CULBERSON OF TEXAS

Page 937, insert after line 12 the following new section:

1 **SEC. 2845. BATTLESHIP PRESERVATION GRANT PROGRAM.**

2 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is hereby established
3 within the Department of the Interior a grant program
4 for the preservation of our nation’s most historic battle-
5 ships.

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

10 (c) CRITERIA FOR ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible for
11 a grant under this section, an entity shall—

12 (1) submit an application under procedures pre-
13 scribed by the Secretary;

14 (2) match the amount of the grant, on a 1-to-
15 1 basis, with non-Federal assets from non-Federal
16 sources, which may include cash or durable goods
17 and materials fairly valued as determined by the
18 Secretary;

1 (3) maintain records as may be reasonably nec-
2 essary to fully disclose—

3 (A) the amount and the disposition of the
4 proceeds of the grant;

5 (B) the total cost of the project for which
6 the grant is made; and

7 (C) other records as may be required by
8 the Secretary, including such records as will fa-
9 cilitate an effective accounting for project
10 funds; and

11 (4) provide access to the Secretary for the pur-
12 poses of any required audit and examination of any
13 books, documents, papers, and records of the entity.

14 (d) MOST HISTORIC BATTLESHIP DEFINED.—In this
15 section, the term “most historic battleship” means a bat-
16 tleship that is—

17 (1) between 75 and 115 years old;

18 (2) listed on the National Register of Historic
19 Places; and

20 (3) located within the State for which it was
21 named.

22 (e) SAVINGS PROVISION.—The authorities contained
23 in this section shall be in addition to, and shall not be
24 construed to supercede or modify those contained in the

1 National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. 470–470x-
2 6).

3 (f) PRIVATE PROPERTY PROTECTION.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—No Federal funds made
5 available to carry out this section may be used to ac-
6 quire any real property, or any interest in any real
7 property, without the written consent of the owner
8 (or owners) of that property or interest in property.

9 (2) NO DESIGNATION.—The authority granted
10 by this section shall not constitute a Federal des-
11 ignation or have any effect on private property own-
12 ership.

13 (g) SUNSET.—The authority to make grants under
14 this section expires on September 30, 2025.

