

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
FOR H.R. 5303
OFFERED BY MR. CULBERSON OF TEXAS**

At the end of title I, add the following:

1 SEC. 1. FEDERAL PORTS.

2 (a) RANKING OF FEDERAL PORTS.—Not later than
3 6 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-
4 retary of the Army shall publish a ranking of Federal
5 ports based on the following factors:

6 (1) Total amount of cargo tonnage handled.

7 (2) Total amount of cargo exports.

8 (3) Total amount of cargo imports.

9 (4) Monetary value of the cargo.

10 (5) Use of energy infrastructure.

11 (6) Impact of transporting cargo affects our na-
12 tional security.

13 (b) MINIMUM GUARANTEE.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Army
15 shall allocate for an authorized project for naviga-
16 tion not less an amount equal to 60 percent of the
17 total harbor maintenance tax under section 4461 of
18 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 collected annu-
19 ally for the loading on or the unloading of cargo to

1 cover operation and maintenance and authorized
2 construction at the port.

3 (2) LESSER USE.—If the capability identified
4 by the Army Corps of Engineers of a project for
5 navigation at a port is less than 50 percent of the
6 total tax under section 4461 of the Internal Revenue
7 Code of 1986 collected by a port for the preceding
8 fiscal year, the amount of funds collected may be al-
9 located by the Secretary of the Army to other Fed-
10 eral ports for operations and maintenance and con-
11 struction purposes.

12 (3) REMAINING FUNDS.—Any remaining funds
13 not used under paragraph (2) shall be allocated to
14 projects based on the ranking issued under sub-
15 section (a) for operation and maintenance and con-
16 struction purposes.

