AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
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OFFERED BY MR. CUMMINGS OF MARYLAND

At the end of title XXXV add the following:

SEC. 35. IDENTIFICATION OF ACTIONS TO ENABLE QUALIFIED UNITED STATES FLAG CAPACITY TO MEET NATIONAL DEFENSE REQUIREMENTS.

(a) IDENTIFICATION OF ACTIONS.—Section 501(b) of title 46, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by inserting ``(1)'' before ``When the head'';

and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

 ``(2) The Administrator of the Maritime Administration shall—

 ``(A) in each determination referred to in paragraph (1), identify any actions that could be taken to enable qualified United States flag capacity to meet national defense requirements;

 ``(B) provide each such determination to the Secretary of Transportation and the head of the agency referred to in paragraph (1) for which the determination is made; and
“(C) publish each such determination on the Internet site of the Department of Transportation within 48 hours after it is provided to the Secretary of Transportation.

“(3)(A) The Secretary of Transportation, in consultation with the Secretary of Homeland Security, shall notify the Committees on Appropriations, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Armed Services of the House of Representatives and the Committees on Appropriations, Commerce, Science, and Transportation, and Armed Services of the Senate—

“(i) of any request for a waiver of the navigation or vessel-inspection laws under this section not later than 48 hours after receiving the request; and

“(ii) of the issuance of any waiver of compliance of such a law not later than 48 hours after such issuance.

“(B) The Secretary shall include in each notification under subparagraph (A)(ii) an explanation of—

“(i) the reasons the waiver is necessary; and

“(ii) the reasons actions referred to in subparagraph (A) are not feasible.”