AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 115-72

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At the end of title I, add the following:

SEC. 1. FEDERAL PORTS.

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

(1) Total amount of cargo tonnage handled.

(2) Total amount of cargo exports.

(3) Total amount of cargo imports.

(4) Monetary value of the cargo.

(5) Use of energy infrastructure.

(6) Impact of transporting cargo affects our national security.

(b) MINIMUM GUARANTEE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Army shall allocate for an authorized project for navigation not less an amount equal to 60 percent of the total harbor maintenance tax under section 4461 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 collected annually for the loading on or the unloading of cargo to
cover operation and maintenance and authorized
construction at the port.

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

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