

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 118-**

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**OFFERED BY MR. EZELL OF MISSISSIPPI**

At the end of subtitle C of title XXXV, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 35\_\_\_ . ASSESSMENT OF EXPANDED USE OF CAPITAL**  
2 **CONSTRUCTION FUNDS.**

3 (a) ASSESSMENT.—The Administrator of the Mari-  
4 time Administration, in consultation with the Secretary of  
5 Defense, shall conduct an assessment of—

6 (1) the effect of the eligibility for capital con-  
7 struction funds—

8 (A) of cargo handling equipment at marine  
9 terminals on freight throughput capacity, mari-  
10 time supply chain efficiency, and emissions re-  
11 duction from port equipment; and

12 (B) of ship repair activities on the United  
13 States flag fleet and shipbuilding and repair in-  
14 dustrial base; and

15 (2) the economic, supply chain resilience, and  
16 national security benefits of the eligibility for capital  
17 construction funds of—

1 (A) cargo handling equipment at marine  
2 terminals; and

3 (B) ship repair activities.

4 (b) BRIEFING AND REPORT.—

5 (1) BRIEFING ON INITIAL FINDINGS.—Not later  
6 than 180 days after the date of the enactment of  
7 this Act, the Administrator shall provide to the  
8 Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure  
9 and the Committee on Armed Services of the House  
10 of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce,  
11 Science, and Transportation and the Committee on  
12 Armed Services of the Senate a briefing on the ini-  
13 tial findings of the assessment conducted under sub-  
14 section (a).

15 (2) REPORT.—No later than one year after the  
16 date of the enactment of this Act, the Administrator  
17 shall submit to the the Committee on Transportation  
18 and Infrastructure and the Committee on Armed  
19 Services of the House of Representatives and the  
20 Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transpor-  
21 tation and the Committee on Armed Services of the  
22 Senate a report on the conclusions of the assessment  
23 conducted under subsection (a).

24 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1           (1) The term “cargo handling equipment”  
2 means any vehicle or land-based equipment, and the  
3 associated marine terminal or port landside infra-  
4 structure, used at a marine terminal to lift or move  
5 cargo—

6                   (A) manufactured in the United States; or

7                   (B) manufactured outside of the United  
8 States, if such equipment is not produced in the  
9 United States in sufficient and reasonably  
10 available quantities or of a satisfactory quality  
11 as determined by the marine terminal operator.

12           (2) The term “marine terminal” means  
13 wharves, bulkheads, quays, piers, docks and other  
14 berthing locations and adjacent storage or adjacent  
15 areas and structures associated with the primary  
16 movement of cargo or materials from vessel to shore,  
17 or from shore to vessel, including structures which  
18 are devoted to receiving, handling, holding, consoli-  
19 dating, loading, or delivery of waterborne shipments,  
20 including areas devoted to the maintenance of the  
21 terminal or equipment.

