AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
FOR H.R. 5303
OFFERED BY MS. GRAHAM OF FLORIDA

At the end of title I, add the following:

SEC. 153. ADVANCING THE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL
UNDERSTANDING OF THE HYDROLOGY OF
THE APALACHICOLA-CHATTahooCHEE-
FLINT RIVER BASIN TO IMPROVE FUTURE
MANAGEMENT.

(a) STUDY.—The Secretary, acting through the Chief
of Engineers, shall conduct a study of the hydrology of
the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint River Basin, includ-
ing—

(1) a full instream flow assessment taking into
consideration the natural variability of the eco-
system’s hydrologic regime, including magnitude,
timing, duration, frequency, and rate of change;

(2) the ecological effects of hydrological alter-
ations;

(3) connectivity between surface and ground-
water in the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint River
Basin; and
(4) investigation of the feasibility of using existing reservoirs in the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint River Basin to support instream flows during droughts.

(b) CONSULTATION.—In conducting the study under this section, the Secretary shall consult with the Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the Director of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, the President of the National Academy of Sciences, and public and private stakeholders.

(c) DEADLINE.—The Secretary shall complete the study conducted under this section not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act.