AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
FOR H.R. 5303
OFFERED BY MR. GRAVES OF LOUISIANA

At the end of title I, add the following:

SEC. ___ ARBITRATION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the President shall establish an arbitration process that expedites the resolution of disputes between a non-Federal sponsor and the Corps of Engineers related to the interpretation of law or the application of provisions in agreements between the parties.

(b) CONTENTS.—The arbitration process established under subsection (a) shall incorporate the following:

(1) The process shall apply to a dispute at the request of a non-Federal sponsor.

(2) Disputes shall be resolved by an independent, neutral panel of 3 arbitrators.

(3) The process shall be in addition to any other method available to a non-Federal sponsor for resolving issues between the non-Federal sponsor and the Corps of Engineers.

(4) Any entity involved in the process may request an oral hearing as part of the process.
(5) A panel of arbitrators operating under the process may request the expertise and advice of independent experts.

(6) A panel of arbitrators operating under the process shall, to the extent practicable, make a majority decision not later than 60 days after written and oral testimony concludes with respect to the relevant dispute.