

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4365, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. HIGGINS OF LOUISIANA**

Page 32, line 2, before the period insert the following: “: *Provided further*, That the Secretary of the Navy shall use no less than \$20,000,000.00 of previously appropriated program funds to incorporate Navy-identified multiple engineering changes to enhance crew protection, increase transportability, ensure commonality within the fleet, and reduce lifecycle costs in order to improve vessel performance and readiness; the Navy shall expedite and apply such engineering changes to any 40PB vessels for which vessel construction has not yet begun, only keels have been laid, or only welding has begun or nearly complete on the vessel hull, and for which contracts for vessel construction were awarded prior to December 31, 2019; the Secretary of the Navy shall provide a to the defense committees within 30-days a briefing on plans to fund and ensure the completion of such engineering changes, which shall include the identification of engineering changes and aschedule to complete such changes”.

