

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT  
OF H.R. 2838  
OFFERED BY MR. CUMMINGS OF MARYLAND AND  
MR. LANDRY OF LOUISIANA**

At the end of title IV of the committee print, add  
the following:

**1 SEC. 409. IDENTIFICATION OF ACTIONS TO ENABLE QUALI-  
2 FIED UNITED STATES FLAG CAPACITY TO  
3 MEET NATIONAL DEFENSE REQUIREMENTS.**

**4 (a) IDENTIFICATION OF ACTIONS.**—Section 501(b) of  
**5 title 46, United States Code, is amended—**

**6 (1) by inserting “(1)” before “When the head”;**  
**7 and**

**8 (2) by adding at the end the following:**

**9 “(2) The Administrator of the Maritime Administra-  
10 tion shall—**

**11 “(A) in each determination referred to in para-  
12 graph (1), identify any actions that could be taken  
13 to enable qualified United States flag capacity to  
14 meet national defense requirements;**

**15 “(B) provide each such determination to the  
16 Secretary of Transportation and the head of the**

1       agency referred to in paragraph (1) for which the  
2       determination is made; and

3           “(C) publish each such determination on the  
4       Internet site of the Department of Transportation  
5       within 48 hours after it is provided to the Secretary  
6       of Transportation.

7       “(3)(A) The Administrator of the Maritime Adminis-  
8       tration shall notify the Committees on Appropriations and  
9       Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Rep-  
10      resentatives and the Committees on Appropriations and  
11      Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate—

12           “(i) of any request for a waiver of the naviga-  
13      tion or vessel-inspection laws under this section not  
14      later than 48 hours after receiving the request; and

15           “(ii) of the issuance of any waiver of compli-  
16      ance of such a law not later than 48 hours after  
17      such issuance.

18       “(B) The Administrator shall include in each notifi-  
19      cation under subparagraph (A)(ii) an explanation of—

20           “(i) the reasons the waiver is necessary; and

21           “(ii) the reasons actions referred to in para-  
22      graph (2)(A) are not feasible.”.

