AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
OF H.R. 7
OFFERED BY MR. CUMMINGS OF MARYLAND

Page 260, after line 16, insert the following (and conform the table of contents accordingly):

SEC. 17. LOCAL HIRING.

Section 112 (as amended by this Act) is further amended by adding at the end the following:

“(i) LOCAL HIRING.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall establish standards under which a covered contract may contain requirements for the employment of individuals, including low-income individuals, residing in or adjacent to any of the areas in which the construction work under the contract is to be performed, if—

“(A) all or part of the construction work performed under the contract will occur in an area designated by the Secretary as an area of high unemployment, using data reported by the Department of Labor;

“(B) the estimated cost of the project related to the contract is—

“(i) greater than $25,000,000; or
“(ii) $25,000,000 or less and the entity carrying out the contract enters into a programmatic agreement with the Secretary; and

“(C) there is no requirement to hire individuals who do not have the necessary skills to perform work in an applicable craft or trade, except that such individuals may be hired if the contractor hiring the individuals submits adequate assurances that, for each craft or trade classification of worker that the contractor intends to employ, the contractor participates in a registered apprenticeship program.

“(2) REQUIREMENTS.—The Secretary shall ensure that standards established under paragraph (1)—

“(A) are reasonable in scope and application;

“(B) do not compromise the quality of a construction project;

“(C) do not unreasonably delay the completion of a construction project; and

“(D) do not unreasonably increase the cost of a construction project.
“(3) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection, the following definitions apply:

“(A) COVERED CONTRACT.—The term ‘covered contract’ means a contract for construction that uses funds made available under this title or chapter 53 of title 49.

“(B) LOW-INCOME INDIVIDUAL.—The term ‘low-income individual’ means an individual who—

“(i) is low-income;

“(ii) resides in a low-income census tract;

“(iii) is a displaced homemaker; or

“(iv) is a member of a targeted group (within the meaning given such term in section 51(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986).

“(C) REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘registered apprenticeship program’ means an apprenticeship program registered with the Office of Apprenticeship of the Department of Labor, or with a State apprenticeship agency recognized by that Office of
Apprenticeship, for purposes of regulation of apprenticeship programs pursuant to Federal law.

“(ii) EXCLUSIONS.—The term “registered apprenticeship program” does not include any program that maintains provisional registration status.

“(4) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall issue regulations to implement this subsection.”.