

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 118-**

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**OFFERED BY MR. NORMAN OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

At the end of subtitle F of title X, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 10\_\_\_. COMPTROLLER GENERAL STUDY ON DREDG-**  
2 **ING CAPACITY AND PORT READINESS.**

3 (a) **STUDY.**—The Comptroller General of the United  
4 States shall conduct a study to assess the capability and  
5 capacity of Department of Defense to complete harbor and  
6 channel dredging at seaports that require such dredging.

7 (b) **ELEMENTS.**—The study under subsection (a)  
8 shall include—

9 (1) identification of any dredging work required  
10 by the Department of Defense to ensure deep water  
11 access at seaports, set forth separately by seaport;

12 (2) a review of the capacity of the domestic  
13 dredging industry to complete the dredging work  
14 identified under paragraph (1);

15 (3) an assessment of time required to complete  
16 outstanding dredging work at seaports in the Stra-  
17 tegic Seaport Program; and

1           (4) development of recommendations for Fed-  
2           eral policies, including contracting policies, that may  
3           be implemented to support domestic manufacturers  
4           of critical components used in the manufacturing of  
5           United States dredging vessels, including critical  
6           components such as cranes, spring couplings, torque  
7           limiters, diesel engine clutches, clutch couplings, wet  
8           brakes, and combination gearboxes.

9           (c) CONSULTATION.—In conducting the study under  
10          subsection (a), the Comptroller General shall consult  
11          with—

12                 (1) the National Port Readiness Network;

13                 (2) entities in the United States dredging in-  
14          dustry;

15                 (3) domestic critical component manufacturers;

16          and

17                 (4) such other individuals and entities as the  
18          Comptroller General determines appropriate.

19          (d) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date  
20          of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General shall  
21          submit to the congressional defense committees a report  
22          on the results of the study conducted under subsection (a).

