

**AMENDMENT**  
**TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 115-72**  
**OFFERED BY MR. PAYNE OF NEW JERSEY**

At the end of title I, add the following:

1 **SEC. \_\_\_\_ . INCLUSION OF ALTERNATIVE MEASURES FOR**  
2 **AQUATIC ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION.**

3 (a) AMENDMENT TO DEFINITION.—Section  
4 1184(a)(2) of the WIIN Act (33 U.S.C. 2289a(a)(2)) is  
5 amended by striking “in coastal areas”.

6 (b) INCLUSION OF ALTERNATIVE MEASURES.—Sec-  
7 tion 206 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1996  
8 (33 U.S.C. 2330) is amended—

9 (1) in subsection (a), by adding at the end the  
10 following:

11 “(3) USE OF NATURAL AND NATURE-BASED  
12 FEATURES.—

13 “(A) IN GENERAL.—A project under this  
14 section may include a project for flood risk  
15 management or hurricane or storm damage re-  
16 duction that uses or, with the consent of the  
17 non-Federal project sponsor, includes a natural  
18 feature or a nature-based feature (as those  
19 terms are defined in section 1184(a) of the

1 WIIN Act (33 U.S.C. 2289a(a))), if the Sec-  
2 retary determines that the use or inclusion—

3 “(i) will improve the quality of the en-  
4 vironment;

5 “(ii) is in the public interest; and

6 “(iii) is cost-effective.

7 “(B) PRIORITY.—In selecting projects  
8 under subparagraph (A), the Secretary shall  
9 give priority to projects that—

10 “(i) provide multiple benefits for flood  
11 control, aquatic ecosystem restoration,  
12 water quality, recreation, or navigation;

13 “(ii) demonstrate local community  
14 support, including a plan for engagement  
15 with relevant Federal and non-Federal in-  
16 terests; and

17 “(iii) include a plan for the long-term  
18 monitoring of project benefits.”; and

19 (2) in subsection (e)—

20 (A) by striking “There is” and inserting  
21 the following:

22 “(1) IN GENERAL.—There is”; and

23 (B) by adding at the end the following:

24 “(2) PROJECTS USING NATURAL AND NATURE-  
25 BASED FEATURES.—

1           “(A) USE OF FUNDS.—The Secretary may  
2 use amounts made available under paragraph  
3 (1) to monitor and evaluate the benefits of any  
4 project carried out under subsection (a)(3).

5           “(B) DISASTER RELIEF FUNDS.—Notwith-  
6 standing any other provision of law, the Sec-  
7 retary may use amounts made available as sup-  
8 plemental appropriations for disaster relief to  
9 carry out projects under subsection (a)(3).

10          “(C) OTHER FEDERAL FUNDS.—Subject to  
11 the limitation under subsection (d), funds under  
12 this paragraph may be used in addition to other  
13 Federal funds to pay the incremental costs as-  
14 sociated with the inclusion of a natural feature  
15 or a nature-based feature (as those terms are  
16 defined in section 1184(a) of the WIIN Act (33  
17 U.S.C. 2289a(a))) in a project under this sec-  
18 tion for flood risk management or hurricane or  
19 storm damage reduction.”.

