

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT**  
**FOR H.R. 8**  
**OFFERED BY MR. DUFFY OF WISCONSIN AND MR.**  
**PIERLUISI OF PUERTO RICO**

At the end of title III, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 3007. STUDY ON ACCESS IN PUERTO RICO TO ENERGY**  
2 **SUPPLIES PRODUCED IN THE U.S. MAINLAND.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the  
4 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Energy,  
5 in consultation with the Secretary of Transportation, the  
6 Secretary of Homeland Security, the Secretary of Com-  
7 merce, and, with respect only to paragraph (2), the Sec-  
8 retary of State, shall submit to Congress a report that  
9 examines whether, and to what extent, provisions of law  
10 originally enacted by the Merchant Marine Act, 1920, in-  
11 cluding the requirements set forth in section 12112 of title  
12 46, United States Code, with respect to coastwise endorse-  
13 ments for vessels built in the United States—

14 (1) may affect, including with respect to logis-  
15 tics and cost, access in Puerto Rico to liquified nat-  
16 ural gas, liquified petroleum gas, and other energy  
17 supplies produced in the mainland of the United  
18 States; and

1           (2) may affect, including with respect to logis-  
2           tics and cost, the potential establishment of Puerto  
3           Rico as a transshipment and storage hub for the dis-  
4           tribution of natural gas, petroleum gas, and other  
5           energy supplies produced in the United States to  
6           United States trading partners in the Western  
7           Hemisphere, with particular emphasis on trading  
8           partners in the Caribbean.

9           (b) CONSIDERATIONS.—In carrying out this section,  
10          the Secretary of Energy shall consider the practical utility  
11          of the exception provided for in section 12120 of title 46,  
12          United States Code, in terms of access in Puerto Rico to  
13          liquefied natural gas and liquefied petroleum gas produced  
14          in the mainland of the United States, including whether  
15          the October 19, 1996, date established under such section  
16          as a condition for issuance of a certificate of documenta-  
17          tion with a coastwise endorsement to a vessel for the  
18          transportation of liquefied natural gas and liquefied petro-  
19          leum gas to Puerto Rico from other ports in the United  
20          States affects the practical utility of the exception.

