AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE
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At the end of subtitle A of title XXXV, add the following:

SEC. 3505. SUBSISTENCE PORTS IMPROVEMENT ENTERPRISE PROGRAM.

(a) In General.—The Secretary of Transportation, acting through the Administrator of the Maritime Administration, may establish a Subsistence Ports Improvement Enterprise Program to provide for the planning, design, and construction of projects for noncontiguous areas to improve and provide greater access to port facilities, relieve port congestion, and increase port security.

(b) Authorities of the Administrator.—In carrying out the Program, the Administrator may—

(1) provide for coordination among appropriate governmental agencies to expedite the review process under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) for projects carried out under the Program;

(2) provide for coordination among appropriate governmental agencies in connection with other re-
views and requirements applicable to projects carried
out under the Program;

(3) provide technical assistance to the port au-
thorities of the nonecontiguous areas (and agents
thereof) as needed for projects carried out under the
Program; and

(4) encourage partnerships between public and
private entities for the development and financial
support of projects carried out under the Program,
to the extent that the Administrator considers such
partnerships necessary and in accordance with the
guidelines established in a memorandum of under-
standing between the governments of the nonecontig-
uous areas and the Administrator.

(c) INTERMODAL FREIGHT TRANSFER FACILITY ELI-
gIBILITY.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law,
an intermodal or marine facility comprising a component
of the Program is deemed to be eligible to be an inter-
modal freight transfer facility for purposes of section

(d) SUBSISTENCE PORTS IMPROVEMENT ENTER-
PRISE FUND.—

(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in
the Treasury of the United States a separate ac-
count to be known as the “Subsistence Ports Improvement Enterprise Fund”.

(2) DEPOSITS.—There shall be deposited into the Fund amounts appropriated to carry out this section under subsection (e).

(3) USE OF FUNDS.—Amounts in the Fund shall be available to the Administrator to carry out the Program.

(4) ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.—An amount not to exceed 3 percent of the amounts appropriated to the Fund for a fiscal year may be used for administrative expenses of the Administrator.

(5) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Amounts in the Fund shall remain available until expended.

(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Fund such sums as may be necessary to carry out this section.

(f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term “Administrator” means the Administrator of the Maritime Administration.

(2) FUND.—The term “Fund” means the account established in the treasury known as the Subsistence Ports Improvement Enterprise Fund established by subsection (d)(1).
(3) NONCONTIGUOUS AREA.—The term “non-contiguous area” means any State, territory or possession of the United States described in section 53501(4)(A)(ii) of title 46, United States Code.

(4) PROGRAM.—The term “Program” means the Subsistence Ports Improvement Enterprise Program authorized by subsection (a).