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OFFERED BY MR. REICHERT OF WASHINGTON

Page 580, in the matter following line 20, add to the analysis for chapter 702 of title 49, United States Code, after the item relating to section 70203, the following:

“70204. GAO study on economic impact of labor contract negotiations at ports on west coast.

Page 584, line 20, strike the closing quotation marks and the period at the end.

Page 584, after line 20, insert the following:

1 § 70204. GAO study on economic impact of labor contract negotiations at ports on west coast
2 "(a) STUDY.—With respect to the slowdown that occurred during labor contract negotiations at ports on the west coast of the United States during the period from May 2014 to February 2015, the Comptroller General of the United States shall conduct a study to—
3 "(1) determine the economic impact of such slowdown on the United States and on each port in the United States, including changes in the amount of cargo arriving at and leaving from ports on the
west coast and other changes in cargo patterns, including congestion;

“(2) calculate the cost, including the cost to importers, exporters, farmers, manufacturers, and retailers, of contingency plans put in place to avoid disruptions from such slowdown;

“(3) review steps taken by the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service to resolve the dispute that caused such slowdown;

“(4) identify tools such Service or the President could have used to facilitate a resolution to such dispute;

“(5) evaluate what other mechanisms are available to the President to avoid disruptions during future labor negotiations at ports in the United States;

“(6) suggest how such mechanisms could be changed to improve the ability to avoid such disruptions in order to prevent serious economic harm to importers, exporters, farmers, manufacturers, and retailers; and

“(7) suggest any legislation that might ensure better regulation of the operations of ports in the United States with respect to such labor negotiations.
“(b) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this section, the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit a report to Congress containing the findings of the study conducted under subsection (a).”