

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 114-

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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 con-**
2 **tract negotiations at ports on west coast**

3 “(a) STUDY.—With respect to the slowdown that oc-
4 curred during labor contract negotiations at ports on the
5 west coast of the United States during the period from
6 May 2014 to February 2015, the Comptroller General of
7 the United States shall conduct a study to—

8 “(1) determine the economic impact of such
9 slowdown on the United States and on each port in
10 the United States, including changes in the amount
11 of cargo arriving at and leaving from ports on the

1 west coast and other changes in cargo patterns, in-
2 cluding congestion;

3 “(2) calculate the cost, including the cost to im-
4 porters, exporters, farmers, manufacturers, and re-
5 tailers, of contingency plans put in place to avoid
6 disruptions from such slowdown;

7 “(3) review steps taken by the Federal Medi-
8 ation and Conciliation Service to resolve the dispute
9 that caused such slowdown;

10 “(4) identify tools such Service or the President
11 could have used to facilitate a resolution to such dis-
12 pute;

13 “(5) evaluate what other mechanisms are avail-
14 able to the President to avoid disruptions during fu-
15 ture labor negotiations at ports in the United States;

16 “(6) suggest how such mechanisms could be
17 changed to improve the ability to avoid such disrup-
18 tions in order to prevent serious economic harm to
19 importers, exporters, farmers, manufacturers, and
20 retailers; and

21 “(7) suggest any legislation that might ensure
22 better regulation of the operations of ports in the
23 United States with respect to such labor negotia-
24 tions.

1 “(b) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
2 of the enactment of this section, the Comptroller General
3 of the United States shall submit a report to Congress
4 containing the findings of the study conducted under sub-
5 section (a).”.

