

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
FOR H.R. 4909
OFFERED BY MR. SANFORD OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

At the end of title XXXV add the following:

1 **SEC. ____ . GAO REPORT ON MARITIME SECURITY FLEET**
2 **PROGRAM.**

3 Not later than one year after the date of the enact-
4 ment of this Act the Comptroller General of the United
5 States shall study and report to the relevant congressional
6 committees on the following:

7 (1) The justification for the size of the Mari-
8 time Security Fleet established under chapter 531 of
9 title 46, United States Code, given present national
10 defense operational requirements for such fleet, and
11 how the annual per-vessel payment under that chap-
12 ter corresponds to the costs of operating vessels in
13 such Fleet.

14 (2) The difference in costs between the Mari-
15 time Security Fleet program and other options for
16 achieving the same objectives as that program, such
17 as—

18 (A) procurement by the United States of a
19 national defense sealift fleet;

1 (B) contracting for United States-flag ves-
2 sels and foreign-flag vessels on a temporary
3 basis; and

4 (C) other potential options.

5 (3) Instances, examined in detail, in which use
6 of foreign-flag, foreign-crewed vessels for national
7 defense sealift purposes has hindered national secu-
8 rity or impeded United States military operations.

9 (4) Comparison, in detail, of volumes and types
10 of—

11 (A) Federal cargo that has been carried on
12 foreign-flagged vessels; and

13 (B) Federal cargo that has been carried on
14 vessels in the Maritime Security Fleet.

