

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4821, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. SOTO OF FLORIDA**

Page 193 after line 2, insert the following:

1 SINKHOLE HAZARD IDENTIFICATION

2 SEC. 493. (a) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the
3 United States Geological Survey shall establish a program
4 to—

5 (1) study the short-term and long-term mecha-
6 nisms that cause sinkholes, including extreme storm
7 events, prolonged droughts causing shifts in water
8 management practices, aquifer depletion, and other
9 major changes in water use; and

10 (2) develop maps that depict zones that are at
11 greater risk of sinkhole formation.

12 (b) REVIEW OF MAPS.—Once during each 5-year pe-
13 riod, or more often as the Director of the United States
14 Geological Survey determines is necessary, the Director
15 shall assess the need to revise and update the maps devel-
16 oped under this section.

17 (c) WEBSITE.—The Director of the United States
18 Geological Survey shall establish and maintain a public
19 website that displays the maps developed under this sec-

1 tion and other relevant information critical for use by com-
2 munity planners and emergency managers.

3 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
4 are hereby authorized \$40,000,000 for each of fiscal years
5 2024 through 2028 to be appropriated to the Director of
6 the United States Geological Survey for purposes of car-
7 rying out this section.

