

AMENDMENT TO
RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 117-31
OFFERED BY MRS. STEEL OF CALIFORNIA

At the end of division L, add the following:

1 **SEC. 110002. INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE.**

2 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Commandant of the
3 Coast Guard shall establish an interagency task force (in
4 this section referred to as the “task force”) to address
5 the vessel backlogs at the Port of Los Angeles and the
6 Port of Long Beach and in the coastal waters of Orange
7 County, California.

8 (b) MEMBERSHIP.—

9 (1) CHAIR.—The Commandant of the Coast
10 Guard shall serve as the Chair of the task force.

11 (2) COMPOSITION.—The task force shall be
12 composed of at least 1 representative from the fol-
13 lowing agencies, to be appointed by the head of each
14 respective agency:

15 (A) The Environmental Protection Agency.

16 (B) The Department of Agriculture.

17 (C) The Department of Commerce.

18 (D) The Department of Defense.

19 (E) The Department of Energy.

1 (F) The Department of Health and
2 Human Services.

3 (G) The Department of the Interior.

4 (H) The Department of Justice.

5 (I) The Department of Labor.

6 (J) The Department of State.

7 (K) The Department of Transportation.

8 (L) The Federal Emergency Management
9 Agency.

10 (M) The Federal Maritime Commission.

11 (N) The General Services Administration.

12 (3) ADDITIONAL MEMBERS.—The Chair of the
13 task force may appoint a representative from any of
14 the following entities to serve on the task force:

15 (A) The government of Orange County,
16 California.

17 (B) The Port Authority of Los Angeles.

18 (C) The Port Authority of Long Beach.

19 (D) The State of California.

20 (e) DUTIES.—The task force shall—

21 (1) evaluate and quantify the impact of the ves-
22 sel backlogs at the Port of Los Angeles and the Port
23 of Long Beach;

1 (2) evaluate and quantify the costs incurred by
2 other Federal, State, and local governments due to
3 such vessel backlogs;

4 (3) evaluate the responses of Federal agencies
5 to such vessel backlogs and the extent to which ves-
6 sels are complying with the requirements of chapter
7 700 of title 46, United States Code;

8 (4) investigate the cause of the oil spill that oc-
9 curred in October 2021 in the coastal waters of Or-
10 ange County, California, including the impact of,
11 and events that led to, an oil pipeline being dragged
12 more than 100 feet in such coastal waters; and

13 (5) not later than 90 days after the date of en-
14 actment of this Act—

15 (A) develop a plan to solve the vessel back-
16 log and oil spill crises along the coast of south-
17 ern California, including a plan to address—

18 (i) safety concerns with ongoing idling
19 of waiting ships;

20 (ii) the environmental impacts of wait-
21 ing ships; and

22 (iii) delays withing the ports; and

23 (B) submit to Congress a report containing
24 such plan.

1 (d) AUTHORITY.—The task force may obtain from a
2 Federal agency any information the task force determines
3 is necessary to carry out this section.

