AMENDMENT TO DIVISION C OF RULES

COMMITTEE PRINT 117–55

(ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT AND
RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS DIVISION)

OFFERED BY MR. VALADAO OF CALIFORNIA

At the end of title V of division C, before the short title, insert the following:

SEC. ____. The Bureau of Reclamation shall provide the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives a justification in writing within 30 days after the enactment of the Act regarding the decision to reinitiate consultation on the Long-Term Coordinated Operation of the Central Valley Project and State Water Project. The report shall include a detailed explanation of why the Biological Opinion issued by the National Marine Fisheries Service on October 21, 2019, and the Biological Opinion issued by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service on October 21, 2019, are inadequate to avoid jeopardizing the continued existence of any listed species or destroying or adversely modifying designated critical habitat of any listed species. Furthermore, the report shall identify the scientific and commercial data reviewed by the Secretary of Commerce and the Secretary of the Interior.
and shall articulate a rational connection between those data and the conclusion that operations of the projects consistent with the 2019 biological opinions would jeopardize the continued existence of a listed species or would destroy or adversely modify designated critical habitat of a listed species.