AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1540, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. WITTMAN OF VIRGINIA

Page 34, after line 26, insert the following:

SEC. 127. FORD-CLASS AIRCRAFT CARRIER PROCUREMENT.

(a) In General.—Subject to the availability of appropriations for such purpose, the Secretary of the Navy may enter into multiyear contracts for the start of major construction of the Ford-class aircraft carriers designated CVN 79 and CVN 80 and for the construction of major components, modules, or other structures related to such carriers.

(b) Requirements.—In carrying out this section, the Secretary of the Navy may—

(1) enter into contracts under subsection (a) in a manner that the Secretary determines will result in the lowest cost to the United States given the variability of shipyard industrial capacity and other factors; and

(2) enter into contracts with the prime contractor chosen for major fabrication and construction of the vessels or directly with other contractors to supply materiel and equipments for the construction of the vessels in such a manner as to as to re-
duce cost to the United States of such materiel and equipments by purchasing in economic order quantities.

(c) **CONDITION FOR OUT-YEAR CONTRACT PAYMENTS.**—A contract entered into under subsection (a) shall provide that any obligation of the United States to make a payment under the contract for a fiscal year after fiscal year 2012 is subject to the availability of appropriations for that purpose for such later fiscal year.

(d) **OTHER AUTHORITY.**—Section 121(a) of the John Warner National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2007 (Public Law 109–364; 120 Stat. 2104) is amended by striking “three fiscal years” and inserting “four fiscal years”.

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