

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

Page 34, after line 26, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 127. FORD-CLASS AIRCRAFT CARRIER PROCUREMENT.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the availability of ap-  
3 propriations for such purpose, the Secretary of the Navy  
4 may enter into multiyear contracts for the start of major  
5 construction of the Ford-class aircraft carriers designated  
6 CVN 79 and CVN 80 and for the construction of major  
7 components, modules, or other structures related to such  
8 carriers.

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

11 (1) enter into contracts under subsection (a) in  
12 a manner that the Secretary determines will result  
13 in the lowest cost to the United States given the var-  
14 iability of shipyard industrial capacity and other fac-  
15 tors; and

16 (2) enter into contracts with the prime con-  
17 tractor chosen for major fabrication and construc-  
18 tion of the vessels or directly with other contractors  
19 to supply materiel and equipments for the construc-  
20 tion of the vessels in such a manner as to as to re-

1       duce cost to the United States of such materiel and  
2       equipments by purchasing in economic order quan-  
3       tities.

4       (c) **CONDITION FOR OUT-YEAR CONTRACT PAY-**  
5 **MENTS.**—A contract entered into under subsection (a)  
6 shall provide that any obligation of the United States to  
7 make a payment under the contract for a fiscal year after  
8 fiscal year 2012 is subject to the availability of appropria-  
9 tions for that purpose for such later fiscal year.

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

