Amendment to the Rules Committee Print for H.R. 5303 Offered by Mr. Young of Iowa

At the end of title I, insert the following:

1 SEC. _____. GAO STUDY ON CORPS OF ENGINEERS METHOD 2 OLOGY AND PERFORMANCE METRICS.

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the 4 date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General 5 of the United States shall submit to the Committee on 6 Environment and Public Works of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the 7 House of Representatives a study of the methodologies 8 9 and performance metrics used by the Corps of Engineers to calculate benefit-cost ratios and evaluate construction 10 11 projects.

12 (b) CONSIDERATIONS.—The study under subsection13 (a) shall address—

(1) whether and to what extent the current
methodologies and performance metrics place small
and rural geographic areas at a competitive disadvantage;

18 (2) whether and to what extent current meth-19 odologies and performance metrics place commu-

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nities with a completed flood control project in the
 past 10 years at a competitive disadvantage from
 making improvements to maintain accreditation;

4 (3) whether the value of property for which
5 damage would be prevented as a result of a flood
6 risk management project is the best measurement
7 for the primary input in benefit-cost calculations for
8 flood risk management projects;

9 (4) any recommendations for approaches to
10 modify the metrics used to improve benefit-cost ratio
11 results for small and rural geographic areas; and

(5) whether a reevaluation of existing approaches and the primary criteria used to calculate
the economic benefits of a Corps of Engineers construction project could provide greater construction
project completion results for small and rural geographic areas without putting a strain on the budget
of the Corps of Engineers.

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