

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
OF H.R. 2838
OFFERED BY MR. CUMMINGS OF MARYLAND AND
MR. LANDRY OF LOUISIANA**

At the end of title IV of the committee print, add the following:

1 **SEC. 409. IDENTIFICATION OF ACTIONS TO ENABLE QUALI-**
2 **FIED UNITED STATES FLAG CAPACITY TO**
3 **MEET NATIONAL DEFENSE REQUIREMENTS.**

4 (a) IDENTIFICATION OF ACTIONS.—Section 501(b) of
5 title 46, United States Code, is amended—

6 (1) by inserting “(1)” before “When the head”;

7 and

8 (2) by adding at the end the following:

9 “(2) The Administrator of the Maritime Administra-
10 tion shall—

11 “(A) in each determination referred to in para-
12 graph (1), identify any actions that could be taken
13 to enable qualified United States flag capacity to
14 meet national defense requirements;

15 “(B) provide each such determination to the
16 Secretary of Transportation and the head of the

1 agency referred to in paragraph (1) for which the
2 determination is made; and

3 “(C) publish each such determination on the
4 Internet site of the Department of Transportation
5 within 48 hours after it is provided to the Secretary
6 of Transportation.

7 “(3)(A) The Administrator of the Maritime Adminis-
8 tration shall notify the Committees on Appropriations and
9 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Rep-
10 resentatives and the Committees on Appropriations and
11 Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate—

12 “(i) of any request for a waiver of the naviga-
13 tion or vessel-inspection laws under this section not
14 later than 48 hours after receiving the request; and

15 “(ii) of the issuance of any waiver of compli-
16 ance of such a law not later than 48 hours after
17 such issuance.

18 “(B) The Administrator shall include in each notifi-
19 cation under subparagraph (A)(ii) an explanation of—

20 “(i) the reasons the waiver is necessary; and

21 “(ii) the reasons actions referred to in para-
22 graph (2)(A) are not feasible.”.

