

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
FOR H.R. 3080
OFFERED BY MR. COHEN OF TENNESSEE**

At the end of title I, insert the following:

1 **SEC. ____ . MISSISSIPPI RIVER MANAGEMENT PLAN.**

2 (a) GENERAL RIVER MANAGEMENT PLAN.—To as-
3 sist in the prioritization of Federal activities carried out
4 on the Mississippi River, the most economically important
5 river in the United States, the Secretary shall develop a
6 general Mississippi River management plan, maximizing
7 the use and integration of existing and ongoing plans, in-
8 vestigations, and studies, which shall include—

9 (1) an inventory and evaluation of River habi-
10 tats and the ecosystem services they provide to River
11 communities;

12 (2) planning assistance regarding how near-
13 River communities can sustainably capitalize on
14 healthier natural performance of the river system to
15 promote tourism, community engagement,
16 connectivity, and recreational uses;

17 (3) identification of aquatic resources in need of
18 improvement;

1 (4) identification and prioritization of potential
2 aquatic habitat restoration projects;

3 (5) establishment of a long-term River eco-
4 system monitoring program;

5 (6) identification of Federal and private sector
6 best practices that can increase the reliability of
7 navigation and intermodal services along the River;

8 (7) identification of sustainable practices that
9 should be implemented when pursuing energy pro-
10 duction projects along the River;

11 (8) identification of sustainable agricultural
12 practices that can best reduce sedimentation, ero-
13 sion, and nutrient run-off into the River;

14 (9) feasibility analysis regarding the implemen-
15 tation of a real-time performance and output track-
16 ing system for the River;

17 (10) identification of the most cost effective and
18 impactful disaster mitigation and preparedness oper-
19 ations that can be implemented on the River in all
20 10 main stem States; and

21 (11) identification of geographical and ecologi-
22 cal areas of concern within the historic River Flood-
23 plain, including—

24 (A) wetlands;

25 (B) riparian borders;

1 (C) aquatic vegetation communities;

2 (D) freshwater critical habitat zones;

3 (E) floodplain areas including tributary
4 confluences;

5 (F) areas impacted or inhabited by
6 invasive species; and

7 (G) areas of connectivity between flowing
8 water and backwater communities.

9 (b) PUBLIC INPUT.—Subsection (a) shall be carried
10 out while providing for meaningful public input into the
11 planning process, with ready public access being provided
12 to planning documents, restoration plans, and planning
13 guidance.

