

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
ON H.R. 5303
OFFERED BY MR. NORCROSS OF NEW JERSEY**

1 At the end of title I, add the following:

2 **SEC. 1 ____ . REGIONAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL COLLABO-**
3 **RATION ON COASTAL RESILIENCE.**

4 Section 731 of the Water Resources Development Act
5 of 1986 (33 U.S.C. 426 note; Public Law 99–662) is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 **“SEC. 731. REGIONAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL COLLABORA-**
8 **TION ON COASTAL RESILIENCE.**

9 “(a) REGIONAL ASSESSMENTS.—

10 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may conduct
11 regional assessments of coastal and back bay protec-
12 tion and of Federal and State policies and programs
13 related to coastal water resources in view of the
14 prospect for long-term impacts.

15 “(2) COOPERATION.—In carrying out para-
16 graph (1), the Secretary shall cooperate with—

17 “(A) the Administrator of the National
18 Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration;

19 “(B) the Administrator of the Federal
20 Emergency Management Agency;

1 “(C) the Director of the Bureau of Ocean
2 Energy Management;

3 “(D) the Administrator of the Environ-
4 mental Protection Agency;

5 “(E) heads of other appropriate Federal
6 agencies;

7 “(F) States that have approved coastal
8 management programs and appropriate agen-
9 cies of those States;

10 “(G) local governments; and

11 “(H) the private sector.

12 “(3) REQUIREMENTS.—A regional assessment
13 conducted under paragraph (1) shall include—

14 “(A) an assessment of the probability and
15 the extent of coastal flooding and erosion, in-
16 cluding back bay and estuarine flooding;

17 “(B) an appraisal of various strategies and
18 incentives for reducing coastal risk through
19 managing relocation, disinvestment, and rein-
20 vestment in coastal communities exposed to
21 coastal flooding and erosion;

22 “(C) a summary of the legal and institu-
23 tional programs, policies, and practices related
24 to the impacts of coastal flooding on riparian
25 land that may result in impediments to the re-

1 duction of the exposure of people and critical
2 public and private infrastructure to coastal risk;

3 “(D) recommendations for policies and
4 other measures related to regional Federal,
5 State, local, and private participation in shore-
6 line and back-bay protection projects;

7 “(E) an evaluation of the performance of
8 existing Federal coastal storm damage reduc-
9 tion, ecosystem restoration, and navigation
10 projects, including recommendations for the im-
11 provement of those projects;

12 “(F) an assessment of the value and im-
13 pacts of implementation of regional, systems-
14 based, watershed-based, and interstate ap-
15 proaches if practicable;

16 “(G) recommendations for the demonstra-
17 tion of methodologies for resilience through the
18 use of natural and nature-based infrastructure
19 approaches as support to, or in place of, engi-
20 neered infrastructure, as appropriate; and

21 “(H) recommendations regarding alter-
22 native sources of funding for new and existing
23 projects.

24 “(b) STREAMLINING.—In carrying out this section,
25 the Secretary shall—

1 “(1) to the maximum extent practicable, use ex-
2 isting research done by Federal, State, regional,
3 local, and private entities to eliminate redundancies
4 and related costs;

5 “(2) receive from any of the entities described
6 in subsection (a)(2)—

7 “(A) contributed funds; or

8 “(B) research that may be eligible for
9 credit as work-in-kind under applicable Federal
10 law; and

11 “(3) enable each District or combination of Dis-
12 tricts of the Corps of Engineers that jointly partici-
13 pate in carrying out an assessment under this sec-
14 tion to consider regionally appropriate engineering,
15 biological, ecological, social, economic, and other fac-
16 tors in carrying out the assessment.

17 “(c) REPORTS.—The Secretary shall submit to the
18 Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Sen-
19 ate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastruc-
20 ture of the House of Representatives all reports and rec-
21 ommendations prepared under this section, together with
22 any necessary supporting documentation.

1 “(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
2 is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
3 \$10,000,000 for each fiscal year.”.

