

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT  
OF H.R. 7  
OFFERED BY MR. KING OF IOWA**

Page 875, after line 21, insert the following new section (and redesignate the subsequent section accordingly):

**1 SEC. 10002. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON FLOOD PREVENTION**  
**2 IN THE MISSOURI RIVER BASIN.**

**3 (a) FINDINGS.**—Congress finds the following:

**4 (1)** In 2011, the Missouri River experienced the  
**5** worst flooding in its recorded history with nearly 61  
**6** million acre feet of runoff entering the Missouri  
**7** River system.

**8 (2)** Because of the high volume of water enter-  
**9** ing the reservoir system, the Army Corps of Engi-  
**10** neers took drastic measures to evacuate water from  
**11** the system, eventually leading to record high water  
**12** releases from Gavins Point Dam of 160,000 cubic  
**13** feet per second (cfs), a release rate that more than  
**14** doubled the previous record of 70,000 cfs.

**15 (3)** The Army Corps of Engineers maintained  
**16** extremely high releases throughout the summer and  
**17** early fall, which resulted in severe flooding through-  
**18** out the Missouri River basin that left the affected

1 families, farms, and communities under water for  
2 nearly four months. Thousands of homes and busi-  
3 nesses were damaged or destroyed, hundreds of  
4 thousands of acres of cropland were affected, and  
5 millions of dollars in damage was done to roads and  
6 other public infrastructure.

7 (4) The damage from the 2011 flood accounted  
8 for more than \$51,000,000 of damage to transpor-  
9 tation infrastructure in rural areas of Iowa alone.

10 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-  
11 gress that, in order to ensure that the taxpayer invest-  
12 ments that have been made in roads and other transpor-  
13 tation infrastructure in the Missouri River basin is pro-  
14 tected from a repeat of the devastating flooding that was  
15 experienced during 2011, the Army Corps of Engineers  
16 should revise the Missouri River Mainstem Reservoir Sys-  
17 tem Water Control Manual to ensure that the System's  
18 flood control storage allocation has been—

19 (1) recalculated so that it is based on the va-  
20 cated space required to control the largest flood ex-  
21 perience in the System and to control the serious  
22 downstream flooding associated with such flood; and

23 (2) adjusted, prior to each runoff season, such  
24 that the space allocated for flood control purposes in  
25 the Exclusive Flood Control Zone and the Annual

1 Flood Control and Multiple Use Regulation Zone is  
2 increased by an amount necessary to ensure that the  
3 storage capacity of the two zones is adequate to  
4 avoid contributing to serious downstream flooding.

