

At the appropriate place in subtitle C of title I, insert the following:

**SEC. 1. REPORT ON USE OF GOVERNMENT DOCKS FOR SHIP REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE.**

On an annual basis, the Secretary of the Navy shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report that—

(1) identifies each instance in the year preceding the date of the report in which the Navy used a Government dock for a ship repair and maintenance availability when sufficient capacity was available in private docks during the period in which such repairs and maintenance were expected to be performed; and

(2) for each such instance, provides an explanation of the reasons the Navy used a Government dock rather than a private dock.

**SEC. 1. REPORT ON NAVY POLICY FOR SOLICITING COASTWIDE BIDS FOR CERTAIN REPAIR AVAILABILITIES.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than March 30, 2024, the Secretary of the Navy shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on the policy of the Navy for soliciting coastwide bids for repair availabilities longer than 10 months.

(b) ELEMENTS.—The report under subsection (a) shall explain and assess each of the following:

(1) The intent of the policy described in subsection (a).

(2) The data the Navy uses to assess the efficacy of such policy.

(3) How the Navy estimates the cost of moving vessels out of their home port to complete the availability and the actual cost of moving vessels out of their home port to complete the availability.

(4) How the Navy estimates the financial, labor force, servicemember and family well-being, berthing, and related costs associated with moving a vessel out of its home port to complete a repair availability longer than 10 months.

**SEC. 1. STUDY ON PRICE DIFFERENTIALS USED IN NAVY SHIP REPAIR SOLICITATIONS.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the availability of appropriations, the Secretary of the Navy shall seek to enter into an agreement with a federally funded research and development center to conduct a study to assess whether relevant price differentials used by the Navy in ship repair solicitations accurately reflect the true market value of the activity undertaken to complete the repair work involved in the absence of any such differential.

(b) ELEMENTS.—The study under subsection (a) shall address all relevant price differentials used by the Navy in ship repair solicitations, including—

(1) the use of Government-owned and -operated dry docks;

(2) the use of inter-port differentials; and

(3) the use of pier differentials.

(c) REPORTS.—

(1) FFRDC REPORT.—The federally funded research and development center that conducts the study under subsection (a) shall submit to the Secretary of the Navy a report on the results of the study.

(2) SUBMITTAL TO CONGRESS.—Not later than September 30, 2024, the Secretary of the Navy shall submit to the congressional defense committees an unaltered copy of the report received by the Secretary under paragraph (1) together with a separate statement of the views of the Secretary on the results of the study conducted under subsection (a).

**SA 987.** Mr. PADILLA submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2226, to authorize ap-

propriations for fiscal year 2024 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place in subtitle C of title I, insert the following:

**SEC. 1. LIMITATION ON USE OF GOVERNMENT-OPERATED DRYDOCKS.**

The Secretary of the Navy shall ensure that no Government-operated drydock is eligible to compete for the award of a contract for private sector non-nuclear surface ship maintenance unless the Secretary determines, in accordance with section 2466 of title 10, United States Code, that there is not sufficient private sector dock competition.

**AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET**

Mr. DURBIN. Madam President, I have nine requests for committees to meet during today's session of the Senate. They have the approval of the majority and minority leaders.

Pursuant to rule XXVI, paragraph 5(a), of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the following committees are authorized to meet during today's session of the Senate:

**COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY**

The Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, July 19, 2023, at 3 p.m., to conduct a subcommittee hearing.

**COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES**

The Committee on Armed Services is authorized to meet in closed session during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, July 19, 2023, at 9 a.m.

**COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS**

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, July 19, 2023, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a business meeting.

**COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS**

The Committee on Indian Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, July 19, 2023, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a business meeting.

**COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY**

The Committee on the Judiciary is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, July 19, 2023, at 2:45 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

**COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

The Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, July 19, 2023, at 3 p.m., to conduct a business meeting.

**SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE**

The Select Committee on Intelligence is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, July 19, 2023, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a closed briefing.

**SUBCOMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC FORCES**

The Subcommittee on Strategic Forces of the Committee on Armed Services is authorized to meet in closed session during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, July 19, 2023, at 4:30 p.m.

**SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER AND POWER**

The Subcommittee on Water and Power of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, July 19, 2023, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

**PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR**

Mr. WICKER. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the following interns from my office be granted floor privileges until July 28, 2023: Shields Armstrong, Dia Chawla, Sykes Connell, Bobby Current, Don Fruge, Christian Fulcher, and Barron Liston.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. REED. Madam President, I would ask unanimous consent that floor passes be granted to the following staff members for the duration of the consideration of Calendar No. 119—that is, S. 2226: Liz King and Jon Clark with the majority Armed Services Committee and John Keast and Brendan Gavin with the minority Armed Services Committee.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. REED. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that Julia Coulter and Jessica Lewis, Government Accountability Office detailees to the Senate Committee on Armed Services, have floor privileges during consideration of the fiscal year 2024 National Defense Authorization Act.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

**NOTICE: REGISTRATION OF MASS MAILINGS**

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**RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED TODAY**

Mr. HICKENLOOPER. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the en bloc consideration of the following Senate resolutions introduced earlier today: S. Res. 303 and S. Res. 304.