

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5303, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MS. BROWN OF FLORIDA

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

1 **SEC. ____ . LIMITATION OF FEDERAL INVESTMENT.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall conduct a
3 program to evaluate the cost effectiveness and project de-
4 livery efficiency of limiting Federal investment in projects
5 conducted by eligible entities.

6 (b) APPLICATION.—To be eligible for participation in
7 the program, an eligible entity shall submit an application
8 to the Secretary in such form, and containing such infor-
9 mation, as the Secretary may require.

10 (c) CONSIDERATIONS.—In selecting eligible entities
11 under the program, the Secretary shall consider—

12 (1) the extent to which the project is able to le-
13 verage Federal investment to secure non-Federal
14 contributions that are in excess of the standard cost
15 share;

16 (2) the extent to which the project is significant
17 to regional and national economies; and

18 (3) whether identification under the program
19 could reduce the need for post authorization review
20 processes for the project.

1 (d) EVALUATION.—In evaluating the cost effective-
2 ness and project delivery efficiency of a project, the Sec-
3 retary shall identify to the elements of the project that
4 produce the greatest benefits, with such benefits cal-
5 culated only with respect to the Federal investment.

6 (e) INNOVATIVE PROJECT DELIVERY.—In con-
7 ducting the program, the Secretary shall identify innova-
8 tive project delivery processes that—

9 (1) reduce the Federal share of the cost for
10 projects;

11 (2) provide for streamlined cost-effective deliv-
12 ery; and

13 (3) contribute to reducing the backlog of au-
14 thorized projects.

15 (f) ADJUSTMENT OF FEDERAL SHARE OF COST FOR
16 CERTAIN PROJECTS.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—If, upon completion of the
18 program, the Secretary determines that, for a
19 project of an eligible entity participating in the pro-
20 gram, an alternative funding method would lower
21 the Federal share of the cost of a project, the Sec-
22 retary shall adjust such funding method accordingly.

23 (2) STATUTORY CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in
24 this section shall be construed to require an eligible

1 entity to obtain a new authorization for a project
2 previously authorized by the Secretary.

3 (g) DEFINITION OF ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—In this sec-
4 tion, the term “eligible entity” means any entity receiving
5 Federal funds for a project authorized by the Secretary
6 for construction for coastal navigation improvement.

