

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. \_\_\_\_\_**  
**OFFERED BY MR. RIBBLE OF WISCONSIN**

At the end of title I, add the following:

1 **SEC. \_\_\_\_.** **CONSIDERATION OF USE OF NATURAL AND NA-**  
2 **TURE-BASED FEATURES.**

3 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—In carrying out the design, con-  
4 struction, maintenance, repair, and rehabilitation of water  
5 resources development projects, including flood risk reduc-  
6 tion, coastal resiliency, and ecosystem restoration projects,  
7 the Secretary shall ensure that appropriate consideration  
8 is given to the use of natural and nature-based features.

9 (b) **REPORT TO CONGRESS.**—

10 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than February 1,  
11 2017, and biennially thereafter, the Secretary shall  
12 submit to the Committee on Transportation and In-  
13 frastructure of the House of Representatives and the  
14 Committee on Environment and Public Works of the  
15 Senate a report on the implementation of subsection  
16 (a).

17 (2) **CONTENTS.**—The report shall include, at a  
18 minimum, the following:

19 (A) A description of guidance or instruc-  
20 tions issued, and other measures taken, by the

1 Secretary and the Chief of Engineers under  
2 subsection (a).

3 (B) An assessment of the observed and po-  
4 tential impacts of the use of natural and na-  
5 ture-based features on the cost and effective-  
6 ness of water resources development projects  
7 and any co-benefits resulting from the use of  
8 such features.

9 (C) A description of any statutory, fiscal,  
10 or regulatory barriers to the appropriate consid-  
11 eration and use of natural and nature-based  
12 features in carrying out water resources devel-  
13 opment projects.

