

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 3962
OFFERED BY MR. FIGURES OF ALABAMA**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Enhancing Science,
3 Treatment, and Upkeep of America’s Resilient and Impor-
4 tant Estuarine Systems Act” or the “ESTUARIES Act”.

5 SEC. 2. NATIONAL ESTUARY PROGRAM.

6 Section 320 of the Federal Water Pollution Control
7 Act (33 U.S.C. 1330) is amended—

8 (1) in subsection (a)(2)(B), by striking “and
9 Pensacola and Perdido Bays, Florida” and inserting
10 “Pensacola and Perdido Bays, Florida; and Mis-
11 sissippi Sound, Mississippi”; and

12 (2) in subsection (i)(1), in the matter preceding
13 subparagraph (A), by striking “2026” and inserting
14 “2031”.

**15 SEC. 3. INELIGIBILITY WITH RESPECT TO FISCAL YEARS
16 2025 AND 2026.**

17 With respect to the amendment made by section 2(1),
18 the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agen-

1 cy may not use for the implementation of that amendment,
2 including, with respect to Mississippi Sound, Mississippi,
3 convening a management conference, developing or car-
4 rying out a comprehensive conservation and management
5 plan, or providing grants under section 320 of the Federal
6 Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1330)—

7 (1) any amounts appropriated to carry out the
8 national estuary program under that section for fis-
9 cal year 2025; or

10 (2) unless the total amount appropriated to
11 carry out that program for fiscal year 2026 is at
12 least \$850,000 more than the total amount appro-
13 priated to carry out that program for fiscal year
14 2024, any amounts appropriated to carry out that
15 program for fiscal year 2026.

