

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8
OFFERED BY MR. SANFORD OF SOUTH CAROLINA

At the end of title II, add the following:

1 **SEC. ____ . GAO STUDY.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after the
3 date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General
4 shall submit to the Committee on Environment and Public
5 Works of the Senate and the Committee on Transpor-
6 tation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives
7 a study of the consideration by the Corps of Engineers
8 of natural features and nature-based features in the study
9 of the feasibility of projects for flood risk management,
10 hurricane and storm damage reduction, and ecosystem
11 restoration.

12 (b) CONSIDERATIONS.—The study under subsection
13 (a) shall include—

14 (1) a description of guidance or instructions
15 issued, and other measures taken, by the Secretary
16 and the Chief of Engineers to consider natural fea-
17 tures and nature-based features in project feasibility
18 studies;

19 (2) an assessment of the costs, benefits, im-
20 pacts, and trade-offs associated with natural fea-

1 tures and nature-based features recommended by the
2 Secretary for flood risk reduction, hurricane and
3 storm damage reduction, and ecosystem restoration
4 projects, and the effectiveness of those natural fea-
5 tures and nature-based features;

6 (3) a description of any statutory, fiscal, regu-
7 latory, or other policy barriers to the appropriate
8 consideration and use of a full array of natural fea-
9 tures and nature-based features; and

10 (4) any recommendations for changes to statu-
11 tory, fiscal, regulatory, or other policies to improve
12 the use of natural features and nature-based fea-
13 tures by the Corps of Engineers.

14 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the terms “nat-
15 ural feature” and “nature-based feature” have the same
16 meanings given such terms in section 1184 of the Water
17 Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act (33
18 U.S.C. 2289a).

