AMENDMENT TO H.R. 3409
OFFERED BY MR. GARAMENDI OF CALIFORNIA

At the end of title III, insert the following:

SEC. 315 INDEPENDENT STUDY ON THE UNITED STATES
MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Transpor-
tation shall seek to enter into an agreement with the Na-
tional Academy of Public Administration (referred to in
this section as the “Academy”) to carry out the activities
described in this section.

(b) STUDY ELEMENTS.—In accordance with the
agreement described in subsection (a), the Academy shall
conduct a study of the United States Merchant Marine
Academy that consists of the following:

(1) A comprehensive assessment of the United
States Merchant Marine Academy’s systems, train-
ing, facilities, infrastructure, information technology,
and stakeholder engagement.

(2) Identification of needs and opportunities for
modernization to help the United States Merchant
Marine Academy keep pace with more modern cam-
puses.
(3) Development of an action plan for the United States Merchant Marine Academy with specific recommendations for—

(A) improvements or updates relating to the opportunities described in paragraph (2); and

(B) systemic changes needed to help the United States Merchant Marine Academy achieve its mission of inspiring and educating the next generation of the mariner workforce on a long-term basis.

(c) DEADLINE AND REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the agreement described in subsection (a), the Academy shall prepare and submit to the Administrator of the Maritime Administration a report containing the action plan described in subsection (b)(3), including specific findings and recommendations.