AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE FOR H. R. 7776
OFFERED BY MR. WESTERMAN OF ARKANSAS

Page 118, after line 19, insert the following:

SEC. 232. AUTHORIZATION FOR STUDY OF CERTAIN FEDERAL CONTRACT THRESHOLDS.

(a) STUDY.—The Chief of Engineers shall conduct a study regarding the effects of contract threshold amounts, as outlined in section 3142(a) of title 40, United States Code, on projects conducted by the Corps of Engineers, including the following:

(1) An analysis of costs of compliance in terms of real dollars, employee work hours, and project completion times.

(2) An analysis of the potential financial effects of increasing such amounts to the Federal simplified acquisition threshold or to the inflation-adjusted amount, including indexing both to inflation.

(3) A discussion of previous recommendations by government entities on such effects, including Recommendation 65 from the Advisory Panel on Streamlining and Codifying Acquisition Regulations.
established by the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114–328).

(b) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Chief of Engineers shall submit to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a report describing the results of the study required by subsection (a).