

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE  
TO H.R. 6140  
OFFERED BY MR. EZELL OF MISSISSIPPI**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

**1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Facilitating Access to  
3 Swiftly Transport Goods during a Publicly Announced  
4 State of Emergency Situation Act” or the “FAST PASS  
5 Act”.

**6 SEC. 2. STUDY ON CRITICAL CARGO.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the  
8 date of enactment of this section, the Secretary of Trans-  
9 portation shall initiate a study to examine—

10 (1) efforts to expedite the movement of critical  
11 cargo through ports and marine terminals; and

12 (2) methodologies, practices, and processes for  
13 moving such cargo during an event for which an  
14 emergency is declared by the President or a Federal  
15 agency.

16 (b) CONTENTS.—In conducting the study under sub-  
17 section (a), the Secretary shall examine methodologies,  
18 practices, and processes for—

1           (1) identifying critical cargo and expediting the  
2 movement of such cargo through the marine termi-  
3 nals and ports;

4           (2) expediting the movement of critical cargo  
5 across all modes of transportation after leaving ma-  
6 rine terminals and ports; and

7           (3) mitigating the impact on the movement of  
8 other cargo that is not critical.

9           (c) CONSULTATION.—In conducting the study under  
10 subsection (a), the Secretary shall consult with—

11           (1) the Secretary of Health and Human Serv-  
12 ices; and

13           (2) other relevant Federal agencies.

14           (d) REQUEST FOR INFORMATION.—The Secretary  
15 shall issue a request for information in the Federal Reg-  
16 ister seeking public comment on the matters to be consid-  
17 ered in the study required under subsection (a).

18           (e) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the date  
19 of enactment of this section, the Secretary shall submit  
20 to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure  
21 of the House of Representatives and the Committee on  
22 Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a  
23 report containing—

24           (1) the findings of the study conducted under  
25 subsection (a); and

1           (2) recommendations for methodologies, prac-  
2           tices, and processes described in such subsection, in-  
3           cluding recommendations for using data from com-  
4           mercial and government data tracking initiatives  
5           to—

6                   (A) determine when cargo is critical and  
7                   needs to be expedited;

8                   (B) identify such critical cargo at port and  
9                   marine terminals; and

10                   (C) expedite the movement and distribu-  
11                   tion of such cargo to end users.

12 **SEC. 3. PILOT PROGRAM.**

13           In conducting the study required under section 2, the  
14 Secretary may establish 1 or more voluntary pilot pro-  
15 grams to test the effectiveness of methodologies, practices,  
16 and processes for expediting the movement of critical  
17 cargo through ports and marine terminals.

