

**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:

1 **SEC. 232. AUTHORIZATION FOR STUDY OF CERTAIN FED-**  
2 **ERAL CONTRACT THRESHOLDS.**

3 (a) STUDY.—The Chief of Engineers shall conduct a  
4 study regarding the effects of contract threshold amounts,  
5 as outlined in section 6702 of title 41, United States Code,  
6 on projects conducted by the Corps of Engineers, includ-  
7 ing the following:

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

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

15 (3) A discussion of previous recommendations  
16 by government entities on such effects, including  
17 Recommendation 65 from the Advisory Panel on  
18 Streamlining and Codifying Acquisition Regulations

1 established by the National Defense Authorization  
2 Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114–328).

3 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date  
4 of enactment of this Act, the Chief of Engineers shall sub-  
5 mit to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastruc-  
6 ture of the House of Representatives and the Committee  
7 on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate  
8 a report describing the results of the study required by  
9 subsection (a).

