

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. _____
OFFERED BY MR. GRAVES OF LOUISIANA**

At the appropriate place in title III, insert the following:

1 SEC. 3 ____ . LAROSE TO GOLDEN MEADOW, LOUISIANA.

2 (a) INTERIM INCLUSION WITHIN RIP.—The Sec-
3 retary shall reinstate, on an interim basis and with an ef-
4 fective date of June 1, 2021, the covered project into the
5 Rehabilitation and Inspection Program on the date on
6 which all of the following conditions have been met:

7 (1) The non-Federal interest for the covered
8 project has provided verification signed by a licensed
9 professional engineer to the District Commander
10 and the State of Louisiana that the work under-
11 taken by the non-Federal interest since 2005 has
12 not caused injury to the public interest or impaired
13 the usefulness of the covered project.

14 (2) The State of Louisiana has issued, not later
15 than 90 days after receipt of the verification under
16 paragraph (1), a letter to the District Commander
17 describing the conditions of the 1% Annual Exceed-
18 ance Probability storm event in the project area,

1 against which the effectiveness of the covered project
2 should be measured.

3 (3) The Administrator of the National Oceanic
4 and Atmospheric Administration National Hurricane
5 Center has issued, not later than 90 days after the
6 State of Louisiana issues a letter under paragraph
7 (2), a letter to the District Commander detailing the
8 conditions of Hurricane Ida in 2021 and its impact
9 on the covered project, including whether the storm
10 met or exceeded conditions for the 1% Annual Ex-
11 ceedance Probability storm event.

12 (b) SCOPING OF EVALUATION.—

13 (1) STUDY.—Not later than June 30, 2027, the
14 Secretary shall complete a study of the following re-
15 lating to the covered project:

16 (A) Any project modifications undertaken
17 by the non-Federal interest for the covered
18 project since 2005 not constructed in accord-
19 ance with section 14 of the Act of March 3,
20 1899 (33 U.S.C. 408).

21 (B) Current elevations required for the
22 covered project to meet the 100-year level of
23 risk reduction.

24 (C) Whether project modifications under-
25 taken by the non-Federal interest for the cov-

1 ered project since 2005 were injurious to the
2 covered project or the public.

3 (D) Any deviations from design guidelines
4 acceptable for the covered project.

5 (E) Improvements needed for the covered
6 project to address any deficiencies according to
7 current design guidelines of the Corps of Engi-
8 neers district in which the covered project is lo-
9 cated.

10 (F) A re-evaluation of project economics.

11 (2) EFFECT OF NOT COMPLETING.—If the Sec-
12 retary does not complete the study under paragraph
13 (1) by the deadline required in such paragraph, the
14 interim inclusion into the Rehabilitation and Inspec-
15 tion Program under subsection (a) shall become per-
16 manent.

17 (3) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after
18 completing the study under paragraph (1), the Sec-
19 retary shall submit to Congress a report that in-
20 cludes—

21 (A) the results of the study;

22 (B) any exceptions to the requirements of
23 section 14 of the Act of March 3, 1899 (33
24 U.S.C. 408) that are recommended for the cov-
25 ered project;

1 (C) an updated summary of cost-sharing
2 requirements for the covered project;

3 (D) recommendations and cost estimates
4 for improvement to the covered project to ad-
5 dress any deficiencies according to the current
6 design guidelines of the Corps of Engineers dis-
7 trict in which the covered project is located; and

8 (E) the updated authorized cost for the
9 covered project.

10 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

11 (1) COVERED PROJECT.—The term “covered
12 project” means the Larose to Golden Meadow
13 project, Louisiana, authorized by the Flood Control
14 Act of 1965 as the Grand Isle and vicinity project.

15 (2) DISTRICT COMMANDER.—The term “Dis-
16 trict Commander” means the District Commander of
17 the New Orleans district of the Corps of Engineers.

18 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
19 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
20 \$3,000,000.

