

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 7655
OFFERED BY M____. _____

Add at the end the following:

1 **SEC. 23. GEOHAZARD MITIGATION STUDY.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the
3 date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General
4 of the United States shall prepare a report containing—

5 (1) the results of a study that—

6 (A) evaluates Federal and State require-
7 ments, as applicable, for gas, hazardous liquid,
8 and carbon dioxide pipeline facility design,
9 siting, construction, operation and maintenance,
10 and integrity management relating to
11 geohazards, including seismicity, land subsid-
12 ence, landslides, slope instability, frost heave,
13 soil settlement, erosion, river scour, washouts,
14 floods, unstable soil, water currents, hurricanes,
15 dynamic geologic conditions, tsunamis, tor-
16 nados, wildfires, floods, ice storms, or other
17 hazards that may cause a pipeline to move or
18 be affected by abnormal external loads;

1 (B) evaluates any industry consensus
2 standards or best practices related to the re-
3 quirements described in subparagraph (A);

4 (C) evaluates—

5 (i) the implementation by operators of
6 Federal and State regulations related to
7 geohazards; and

8 (ii) the application of recommenda-
9 tions included in the Advisory Bulletin of
10 the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials
11 Safety Administration titled “Pipeline
12 Safety: Potential for Damage to Pipeline
13 Facilities Caused by Earth Movement and
14 Other Geological Hazards”, issued on May
15 2, 2019 (84 Fed. Reg. 18919; PHMSA-
16 019–0087);

17 (D) identifies any discrepancies in—

18 (i) the requirements described in sub-
19 paragraph (A); and

20 (ii) the advisories, industry consensus
21 standards, or best practices for operators
22 of gas, hazardous liquid, and carbon diox-
23 ide pipeline facilities; and

1 (E) identifies any areas relating to
2 geohazards not addressed under subparagraphs
3 (A) through (D); and

4 (2) any recommendations of the Government
5 Accountability Office based on the results of the
6 study under paragraph (1).

7 (b) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Upon completion of the
8 report under subsection (a), the Comptroller General shall
9 submit to the Secretary of Transportation, the Committee
10 on Transportation and Infrastructure and the Committee
11 on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representa-
12 tives, and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and
13 Transportation of the Senate the report.

