

AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_ Calendar No. \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose: To require a study on methodology and performance metrics used by the Secretary to calculate benefit-cost ratios and evaluate construction projects.

**IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—114th Cong., 2d Sess.**

**S. 2848**

To provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_ and  
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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mrs. ERNST to  
the amendment (No. 4979) proposed by Mr. INHOFE

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1 At the end of title VI, add the following:

2 **SEC. 60\_\_ . GAO STUDY ON CORPS OF ENGINEERS METH-**  
3 **ODOLOGY AND PERFORMANCE METRICS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the  
5 date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General  
6 shall submit to the Committee on Environment and Public  
7 Works of the Senate and the Committee on Transpor-  
8 tation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives  
9 a study of the methodologies and performance metrics

1 used by the Corps of Engineers to calculate benefit-cost  
2 ratios and evaluate construction projects.

3 (b) CONSIDERATIONS.—The study under subsection  
4 (a) shall address—

5 (1) whether and to what extent the current  
6 methodologies and performance metrics place small  
7 and rural geographic areas at a competitive dis-  
8 advantage;

9 (2) whether the value of property for which  
10 damage would be prevented as a result of a flood  
11 risk management project is the best measurement  
12 for the primary input in benefit-cost calculations for  
13 flood risk management projects;

14 (3) any recommendations for approaches to  
15 modify the metrics used to improve benefit-cost ratio  
16 results for small and rural geographic areas; and

17 (4) whether a reevaluation of existing ap-  
18 proaches and the primary criteria used to calculate  
19 the economic benefits of a Corps of Engineers con-  
20 struction project could provide greater construction  
21 project completion results for small and rural geo-  
22 graphic areas without putting a strain on the budget  
23 of the Corps of Engineers.