

7. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE KRATOVIL, JR., FRANK OF MARYLAND OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4715, AS REPORTED  
OFFERED BY MR. KRATOVIL OF MARYLAND**

Page 6, strike line 3, and insert the following:

1 (b) MEMBERS OF CONFERENCE; COLLABORATIVE  
2 PROCESSES.—

3 (1) MEMBERS OF CONFERENCE.—Section  
4 320(c)(5)

Page 6, after line 6, insert the following:

5 (2) COLLABORATIVE PROCESSES.—Section  
6 320(d) of such Act (33 U.S.C. 1330(d)) is amend-  
7 ed—

8 (A) by striking “(d)” and all that follows  
9 through “In developing” and inserting the fol-  
10 lowing:

11 “(d) UTILIZATION OF EXISTING DATA AND COL-  
12 LABORATIVE PROCESSES.—

13 “(1) UTILIZATION OF EXISTING DATA.—In de-  
14 veloping”; and

15 (B) by adding at the end the following:

16 “(2) UTILIZATION OF COLLABORATIVE PROC-  
17 ESSES.—In updating a plan under subsection (f)(4)  
18 or developing a new plan under subsection (b), a

1 management conference shall make use of collabo-  
2 rative processes to—

3 “(A) ensure equitable inclusion of affected  
4 interests;

5 “(B) engage with members of the manage-  
6 ment conference, including through—

7 “(i) the use of consensus-based deci-  
8 sion rules; and

9 “(ii) assistance from impartial  
10 facilitators, as appropriate;

11 “(C) ensure relevant information, including  
12 scientific, technical, and cultural information, is  
13 accessible to members;

14 “(D) promote accountability and trans-  
15 parency by ensuring members are informed in  
16 a timely manner of—

17 “(i) the purposes and objectives of the  
18 management conference; and

19 “(ii) the results of an evaluation con-  
20 ducted under subsection (f)(3);

21 “(E) identify the roles and responsibilities  
22 of members—

23 “(i) in the management conference  
24 proceedings; and

1                   “(ii) in the implementation of the  
2                   plan; and  
3                   “(F) seek resolution of conflicts or dis-  
4                   putes as necessary.”.

