

1. **AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE WITTMAN OF VIRGINIA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES**

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1540, AS REPORTED  
OFFERED BY MR. WITTMAN OF VIRGINIA**

Page 34, after line 26, insert the following:

**1 SEC. 127. FORD-CLASS AIRCRAFT CARRIER PROCUREMENT.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the availability of ap-  
3 propriations for such purpose, the Secretary of the Navy  
4 may enter into multiyear contracts for the start of major  
5 construction of the Ford-class aircraft carriers designated  
6 CVN 79 and CVN 80 and for the construction of major  
7 components, modules, or other structures related to such  
8 carriers.

9 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—In carrying out this section,  
10 the Secretary of the Navy may—

11 (1) enter into contracts under subsection (a) in  
12 a manner that the Secretary determines will result  
13 in the lowest cost to the United States given the var-  
14 iability of shipyard industrial capacity and other fac-  
15 tors; and

16 (2) enter into contracts with the prime con-  
17 tractor chosen for major fabrication and construc-  
18 tion of the vessels or directly with other contractors  
19 to supply materiel and equipments for the construc-  
20 tion of the vessels in such a manner as to as to re-

1       duce cost to the United States of such materiel and  
2       equipments by purchasing in economic order quan-  
3       tities.

4       (e) CONDITION FOR OUT-YEAR CONTRACT PAY-  
5       MENTS.—A contract entered into under subsection (a)  
6       shall provide that any obligation of the United States to  
7       make a payment under the contract for a fiscal year after  
8       fiscal year 2012 is subject to the availability of appropria-  
9       tions for that purpose for such later fiscal year.

10       (d) OTHER AUTHORITY.—Section 121(a) of the John  
11       Warner National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal  
12       Year 2007 (Public Law 109–364; 120 Stat. 2104) is  
13       amended by striking “three fiscal years” and inserting  
14       “four fiscal years”.

