

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 3619
OFFERED BY MR. TAYLOR OF MISSISSIPPI

Page 312, after line 22, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. ____ . JONES ACT AMENDMENTS.**

2 (a) DEFINITIONS.—Section 12101 of title 46, United
3 States Code, is amended

4 (1) by amending (a) to read as follows:

5 “(a) REBUILT IN THE UNITED STATES.—In this
6 chapter, a vessel is deemed to have been rebuilt in the
7 United States only if the fabrication, construction, and ad-
8 dition of any major component of the vessel’s hull or su-
9 perstructure was done in the United States.”;

10 (2) by redesignating subsection (b) as sub-
11 section (f); and

12 (3) inserting after subsection (a) the following
13 new subsections:

14 “(b) MAJOR COMPONENT.—In this chapter, the term
15 ‘major component’ means an identifiable unit (excluding
16 engines, equipment, machinery and other outfitting) con-
17 structed on or added to the vessel that comprises more
18 than 1.5 percent of the vessel’s total steel weight. Steel-
19 work performed as a unit that is an identifiable unit that

1 comprises less than 1.5 percent of the vessel's total steel
2 weight, while not qualifying as a major component, shall
3 be counted toward the steelwork limit described in section
4 12132(b)(2).

5 “(c) IDENTIFIABLE UNIT.—In this chapter, the term
6 ‘identifiable unit’ means an item that is constructed on
7 the vessel or added as a new and completely constructed
8 unit.

9 “(d) STEEL WEIGHT.—In this chapter, the term
10 ‘steel weight’ includes the total weight of all steel and alu-
11 minum comprising the vessel's hull and superstructure, ex-
12 cluding engines, equipment, machinery and other outfit-
13 ting.

14 “(e) STEELWORK.—In this chapter, the term ‘steel-
15 work’ includes work in steel, aluminum, or both.”.

16 (b) LOSS OF COASTWISE TRADE PRIVILEGES.—Sec-
17 tion 12132(b) of title 46, United States Code, is amended
18 to read as follows:

19 “(b) REBUILT OUTSIDE OF THE UNITED STATES.—
20 (1) A vessel eligible to engage in the coastwise trade is
21 deemed rebuilt outside the United States and may not
22 thereafter engage in the coastwise trade whenever__

23 “(A) regardless of material of construction of
24 the vessel—

1 “(i) a major component, as defined in sec-
2 tion 12101(b), of the vessel’s hull or super-
3 structure, built in the United States, is added
4 outside of the United States; or

5 “(ii) a major component, as defined in sec-
6 tion 12101(b), of the vessel’s hull or super-
7 structure, not built in the United States, is
8 added, regardless of the manner in which the
9 major component is added; or

10 “(B) for a vessel of which the vessel’s hull or
11 superstructure is constructed of steel, aluminum, or
12 a combination thereof, the work performed on its
13 hull or superstructure exceeds 10 percent of the ves-
14 sel’s total steel weight, prior to the work.

15 “(2) For the purposes of paragraph (1)(B), when cal-
16 culating the vessel’s total steel weight, the vessel’s machin-
17 ery, fluids, furnishings, and other outfit items shall not
18 be considered.

19 “(3) Steelwork performed in a foreign shipyard shall
20 not be considered under this subchapter if the work is per-
21 formed to effect repairs or replacements necessary to allow
22 the vessel to safely transit to the United States.”.

1 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall not apply
2 to any vessel that had worked performed in a foreign ship-
3 yard and that was redelivered before January 1, 2009.

