

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 3898, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. COHEN OF TENNESSEE**

Add at the end the following:

1 **SEC. ____ . PERMITS FOR CERTAIN PIPELINE OR ENERGY IN-**
2 **FRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS.**

3 (a) REQUIREMENTS.—Notwithstanding any other
4 provision of law, in issuing a permit under the Federal
5 Water Pollution Control Act for any activity related to the
6 construction, expansion, or operation of a pipeline or en-
7 ergy infrastructure project located within 5 miles of a cov-
8 ered aquifer, the Administrator, a State, or the Secretary
9 of the Army, acting through the Chief of Engineers, as
10 applicable, shall conduct a cumulative impact assessment,
11 a groundwater contamination risk analysis, and a public
12 hearing in the community that relies on the covered aqui-
13 fer.

14 (b) COVERED AQUIFER DEFINED.—In this section,
15 the term “covered aquifer” means an aquifer that supplies
16 at least 50 percent of the drinking water for a community
17 that would have no reasonably available alternative source
18 of such drinking water if the aquifer were to become con-
19 taminated.

