

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
FOR H.R. 6
OFFERED BY MR. GARAMENDI OF CALIFORNIA**

At the end of the bill, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 4. PUBLIC INTEREST DEFINITION.**

2 (a) PURPOSE.—With respect to issuing licenses for
3 the exportation of natural gas under section 3 of the Nat-
4 ural Gas Act, it is the purpose of this section to—

5 (1) enhance the national security and port safe-
6 ty of the United States by requiring any exported
7 LNG to be transported on United States flag ves-
8 sels;

9 (2) maintain the ability of United States ship-
10 yards to produce and repair ships for the Navy and
11 Coast Guard by maintaining the critical infrastruc-
12 ture and human talent, skills, and workforce nec-
13 essary to build such ships; and

14 (3) ensure that all personnel operating LNG
15 tankers entering and leaving United States ports be
16 crewed by individuals certified as safe by the United
17 States Coast Guard.

18 (b) PUBLIC INTEREST.—For purposes of section 3 of
19 the Natural Gas Act (15 U.S.C. 717b), the term “public

1 interest” includes the economic and national security in-
2 terests of the United States and the maintenance of a via-
3 ble merchant marine.

