AMENDMENT TO H.R. 351
OFFERED BY MR. GARAMENDI OF CALIFORNIA

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

SEC. 4. EXPORT CARRIAGE REQUIREMENT.

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

(1) comply with section 3502 of Public Law 113-66, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014, which establishes that it is the sense of Congress that maintaining a United States shipbuilding base is critical to meeting United States national security requirements, and that investment in recapitalizing the Ready Reserve Force may include by necessity the construction of vessels for use in transporting potential new energy sources for the deployment and logistical and operational support of United States military forces;

(2) enhance the national security and port safety of the United States;

(3) maintain and bolster the technological and industrial capabilities of United States shipyards and maintain and sustain the critical infrastructure
and highly skilled workforce necessary to build LNG vessels and other technologically advanced military and commercial vessels; and

(4) require that the United States LNG export trade provide long-term employment opportunities for licensed and unlicensed United States merchant marine personnel to ensure a sufficient merchant marine workforce to provide for the military sealift needs of the United States.

(b) Carriage Requirement.—The issuance of any license for the exportation of natural gas under section 3 of the Natural Gas Act shall require, as a condition for approval of any such authorization, the applicant to ensure that the transport of LNG from the facility shall—

(1) utilize United States flag LNG vessels until 2020; and

(2) utilize United States-built and flagged LNG vessels thereafter.