

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 3898, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. VICENTE GONZALEZ OF TEXAS**

Add at the end the following:

1 **SEC. ____ . STREAMLINING OF PERMITS FOR WATER DESALI-**
2 **NATION PROJECTS IN CERTAIN AREAS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Army, acting
4 through the Chief of Engineers and in consultation with
5 the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agen-
6 cy and other relevant State agencies, shall establish
7 streamlined process to grant permits for water desalina-
8 tion projects in localities that are in a water crisis.

9 (b) WATER CRISIS DEFINED.—In this section, the
10 term “water crisis” means any county or other similar lo-
11 cality that has been placed under an emergency drought
12 designation by the governor of the State in which such
13 county is located, in consultation with the State’s water
14 development board, or other similar agency.

