

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4
OFFERED BY MR. GRAVES OF LOUISIANA

Page 294, strike lines 5 through 8, and insert the following:

1 SEC. 618. RIGHT OF ARBITRATION.

2 Section 423 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief
3 and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5189a) is
4 amended by adding at the end the following:

5 “(d) RIGHT OF ARBITRATION.—

6 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding this sec-
7 tion, an applicant for assistance under this title may
8 request arbitration to dispute the eligibility for as-
9 sistance or repayment of assistance provided for a
10 project of more than \$100,000 for any disaster that
11 occurred after January 1, 2016. Such arbitration
12 shall be conducted de novo by the Civilian Board of
13 Contract Appeals and the decision of such Board
14 shall be binding.

15 “(2) ELIGIBILITY.—To participate in arbitra-
16 tion under this subsection, an applicant—

17 “(A) shall submit the dispute to the arbi-
18 tration process established under the authority

1 granted under section 601 of Public Law 111-
2 5; and

3 “(B) may submit a request for arbitration
4 in lieu of an appeal under subsection (a) at any
5 time before the Administrator of FEMA has
6 issued a final agency determination.”.

