AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1938, AS REPORTED OFFERED BY MR. HASTINGS OF FLORIDA

Page 7, after line 23, insert the following new subsection:

(e) Elements of Liability.—
(1) In General.—Notwithstanding any other
provision or rule of law, and subject to the provi-
sions of this Act, the owner of the Keystone XL
pipeline is liable for the removal costs and damages
specified in paragraph (2) that result from a dis-
charge or threat of discharge from that pipeline.
(2) COVERED REMOVAL COSTS AND DAM-
AGES.—
(A) Removal costs.—The removal costs
referred to in paragraph (1) are—
(i) all removal costs incurred by the
United States, a State, or an Indian tribe
under subsection (c), (d), (e), or (l) of sec-
tion 311 of the Federal Water Pollution
Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1321), under the
Intervention on the High Seas Act (33
U.S.C. 1471 et seq.), or under State law;
and

1	(ii) any removal costs incurred by any
2	person for acts taken by the person which
3	are consistent with the National Contin-
4	gency Plan.
5	(B) Damages.—The damages referred to
6	in paragraph (1) are the following:
7	(i) Natural resources.—Damages
8	for injury to, destruction of, loss of, or loss
9	of use of, natural resources, including the
10	reasonable costs of assessing the damage,
11	which shall be recoverable by a United
12	States trustee, a State trustee, an Indian
13	tribe trustee, or a foreign trustee.
14	(ii) Real or Personal Property.—
15	Damages for injury to, or economic losses
16	resulting from destruction of, real or per-
17	sonal property, which shall be recoverable
18	by a claimant who owns or leases that
19	property.
20	(iii) Subsistence use.—Damages
21	for loss of subsistence use of natural re-
22	sources, which shall be recoverable by any
23	claimant who so uses natural resources
24	which have been injured, destroyed, or lost,

1	without regard to the ownership or man-
2	agement of the resources.
3	(iv) Revenues.—Damages equal to
4	the net loss of taxes, royalties, rents, fees,
5	or net profit shares due to the injury, de-
6	struction, or loss of real property, personal
7	property, or natural resources, which shall
8	be recoverable by the Government of the
9	United States, a State, or a political sub-
10	division thereof.
11	(v) Profits and Earning Capac-
12	ITY.—Damages equal to the loss of profits
13	or impairment of earning capacity due to
14	the injury, destruction, or loss of real prop-
15	erty, personal property, or natural re-
16	sources, which shall be recoverable by any
17	claimant.
18	(vi) Public services.—Damages for
19	net costs of providing increased or addi-
20	tional public services during or after re-
21	moval activities, including protection from
22	fire, safety, or health hazards, caused by a
23	discharge of oil, which shall be recoverable
24	by a State, or a political subdivision of a
25	State.

1	(3) Excluded discharges.—This subsection
2	does not apply to any discharge permitted by a per-
3	mit issued under Federal, State, or local law.
4	(4) Liability of third parties.—
5	(A) In General.—
6	(i) Third party treated as re-
7	SPONSIBLE PARTY.—Except as provided in
8	clause (ii), in any case in which a respon-
9	sible party establishes that a discharge or
10	threat of a discharge and the resulting re-
11	moval costs and damages were caused sole-
12	ly by an act or omission of one or more
13	third parties described in section
14	1003(a)(3) of the Oil Pollution Act of
15	1990 (or solely by such an act or omission
16	in combination with an act of God or an
17	act of war), the third party or parties shall
18	be treated as the responsible party or par-
19	ties for purposes of determining liability
20	under this subsection.
21	(ii) Subrogation of responsible
22	PARTY.—If the responsible party alleges
23	that the discharge or threat of a discharge
24	was caused solely by an act or omission of
25	a third party, the responsible party—

1	(I) in accordance with section
2	1013 of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990,
3	shall pay removal costs and damages
4	to any claimant; and
5	(II) shall be entitled by subroga-
6	tion to all rights of the United States
7	Government and the claimant to re-
8	cover removal costs or damages from
9	the third party paid under this sub-
10	section.
11	(B) Limitation applied.—
12	(i) Owner or operator of vessel
13	OR FACILITY.—If the act or omission of a
14	third party that causes an incident occurs
15	in connection with a vessel or facility
16	owned or operated by the third party, the
17	liability of the third party shall be subject
18	to the limits provided in section 1004 of
19	the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 as applied
20	with respect to the vessel or facility.
21	(ii) Other cases.—In any other
22	case, the liability of a third party or par-
23	ties shall not exceed the limitation which
24	would have been applicable to the respon-
25	sible party of the vessel or facility from

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which the discharge actually occurred if
the responsible party were liable.

