

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
OF H.R. 2838
OFFERED BY MR. LANDRY OF LOUISIANA**

At the end of title IV of the committee print, add the following:

**1 SEC. 409. OWNERSHIP AND REGISTRY REQUIREMENT FOR
2 VESSELS USED FOR ENERGY ACTIVITIES.**

3 Section 12111 of title 46, United States Code, is
4 amended by adding at the end the following:

5 “(e) REQUIREMENT FOR VESSEL USED FOR ENERGY
6 ACTIVITIES.—

7 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A vessel may only engage
8 in activities in support of the exploration for, pro-
9 duction of, or transportation of energy resources
10 over, in, or under the outer Continental Shelf if the
11 vessel is—

12 “(A) owned by a citizen of the United
13 States that meets the requirements of sub-
14 sections (b) and (d) of section 50501; and

15 “(B) issued a certificate of documentation
16 with a registry endorsement under this chapter.

17 “(2) APPLICABILITY.—Paragraph (1) shall not
18 apply to a mobile offshore drilling unit.

1 “(3) TRANSITION PERIOD FOR LAYING OF PIPE-
2 LINE.—

3 “(A) IN GENERAL.—During the 120-day
4 period that begins on the date of enactment of
5 this subsection, paragraph (1) shall not apply
6 to a vessel to be employed for the laying of a
7 pipeline for the transportation of energy re-
8 sources produced from the outer Continental
9 shelf.

10 “(B) EXTENSION FOR BINDING AGREE-
11 MENTS.—Paragraph 1 shall not apply to a ves-
12 sel to be employed for the laying of a pipeline
13 for the transportation of energy resources pro-
14 duced from the outer Continental shelf for a
15 180-day period that begins on the date of the
16 expiration of the period described in subpara-
17 graph (A) if the owners of the vessel have made
18 binding arrangements before the end of the pe-
19 riod described in subparagraph (A) to employ a
20 vessel at the end of such 180-day period that
21 meets the requirements of paragraph (1).

22 “(4) COASTWISE TRADE NOT AUTHORIZED.—
23 Nothing in paragraph (1) authorizes the employment
24 in the coastwise trade of a vessel that does not meet
25 the requirements of section 12112.

1 “(5) DEFINITION.—In this subsection, the term
2 ‘outer Continental shelf’ has the meaning given such
3 term in section 2(a) of the Outer Continental Shelf
4 Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1331(a)).”.

