AMENDMENT TO H.R. 6285, AS REPORTED

OFFERED BY MR. PERRY OF PENNSYLVANIA

Add at the end the following:

1 **SEC. 7. EXEMPTION FROM COASTWISE LAWS FOR VESSELS**

2 **TRANSPORTING LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS.**

3 (a) GENERAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS.—Sec-

4 tion 12103 of title 46, United States Code, is amended

5 by adding at the end the following:

6 "(d) EXCEPTION FOR VESSELS TRANSPORTING LIQ-

7 UEFIED NATURAL GAS.—

8 "(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding subsection

9 (a), a certificate of documentation may be issued

10 under this chapter for any vessel transporting meth-

11 ane, refrigerated liquid, commonly known as lique-

12 fied natural gas.

13 "(2) CERTAIN VESSELS EXCLUDED.—Para-

14 graph (1) shall not apply to—

15 "(A) a vessel that is owned, in whole or in

16 part, by—

17 "(i) a Russian national; or

18 "(ii) the Government of the Russian

19 Federation;

20 "(B) a Russian-flagged vessel;

1 ''(C) a vessel for which any crewmember is

2 a Russian national;

3 ''(D) a vessel that is owned, in whole or in

4 part, by—

5 ''(i) a Chinese national; or

6 ''(ii) the Government of the People's

7 Republic of China;

8 ''(E) a Chinese-flagged vessel; or

9 ''(F) a vessel for which any crewmember is

10 a Chinese national.''.

11 (b) COASTWISE ENDORSEMENT.—Section

12 12112(a)(2)(B) of title 46, United States Code, is amend-

13 ed—

14 (1) in clause (ii) by striking ''or'' at the end;

15 (2) in clause (iii) by striking ''and'' at the end

16 and inserting ''or''; and

17 (3) by adding at the end the following:

18 ''(iv) transports methane, refrigerated liq-

19 uid, commonly known as liquefied natural gas;

20 and''.

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