

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5078, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. RIBBLE OF WISCONSIN**

Page 5, after line 15, insert the following:

1 (4) RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.—

2 (A) EXEMPTION FOR CONSERVATION
3 PRACTICES.—All soil and water conservation
4 practices shall be treated as normal farming,
5 silviculture, and ranching activities under sec-
6 tion 404(f)(1)(A) of the Federal Water Pollu-
7 tion Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1344(f)(1)(A)).

8 (B) NO PERMIT REQUIRED FOR DIS-
9 CHARGES INCIDENTAL TO CONSERVATION PRAC-
10 TICES.—No soil and water conservation practice
11 shall be treated as a new use of an area of navi-
12 gable waters, an impairment of the flow and
13 circulation of navigable waters, or a reduction
14 in the reach of such waters under section
15 404(f)(2) of the Federal Water Pollution Con-
16 trol Act (33 U.S.C. 1344(f)(2)).

17 (C) TIMING.—Normal farming,
18 silviculture, and ranching activities shall be
19 treated as such under section 404(f)(1)(A) of
20 the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33

1 U.S.C. 1344(f)(1)(A) without regard to the
2 date of commencement of such activities.

