AMENDMENT TO
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OFFERED BY MR. WALTZ OF FLORIDA

At the end of subtitle B of title XXXV, add the following:

SEC. 35. ADDITIONAL POLAR ICEBREAKER CAPABILITY.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Commandant of the Coast Guard may acquire additional Polar Icebreaker capability as a bridge to the Polar Security Cutter, through efforts to lease or purchase of commercially available U.S. documented assets to supplement national polar icebreaking capabilities until the delivery of Polar Security Cutters. Such efforts shall include evaluating available commercial vessels that can be procured and modified to provide icebreaking capability, project U.S. sovereignty, and protect and collect data on vital economic, environmental, climate, and national security interests in the region.

(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated $150,000,000 to carry out this section.