

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT  
OF H.R. 2838  
OFFERED BY MR. YOUNG OF ALASKA**

At the end of title VI of the committee print, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 612. CENTRAL BERING SEA POTENTIAL PLACES OF**  
2 **REFUGE.**

3 To enhance safety of life at sea and protection of the  
4 marine environment in the Central Bering Sea, the Com-  
5 mandant of the Coast Guard shall—

6 (1) conduct a study to review locations in the  
7 Bering Sea that—

8 (A) have the least amount of winter sea ice  
9 and are close in proximity to major fishery and  
10 fishery conservation activities; and

11 (B) can serve as primary or alternate  
12 places of refuge throughout the year in accord-  
13 ance with the National Response Plan Guide-  
14 lines for Places of Refuge Decisionmaking;

15 (2) not later than 1 year after the date of en-  
16 actment of this Act, consult with appropriate State  
17 and Federal agency officials to determine the im-  
18 provements necessary to ensure that harbor facilities

1 at the locations described in paragraph (1) are func-  
2 tional, including improvements that may qualify the  
3 harbors to be designated as a potential place of ref-  
4 uge, or as an alternate place of refuge, throughout  
5 the year in case of a marine casualty or for the re-  
6 sponse to or prevention of environmental damage or  
7 the threat of environmental damage; and

8 (3) not later than 2 years after the date of en-  
9 actment of this Act—

10 (A) consult with appropriate Federal agen-  
11 cies on a plan to identify the steps required to  
12 complete the improvements identified under  
13 paragraph (2); and

14 (B) submit the plan to Congress.

