

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8800**  
**OFFERED BY MR. GARAMENDI OF CALIFORNIA**

At the appropriate place in title XXXV, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 35 \_\_\_\_ . WAIVER OF NAVIGATION AND VESSEL-INSPEC-**  
2 **TION LAWS.**

3 Section 501 of title 46, United States Code, is  
4 amended—

5 (1) in subsection (a), by adding at the end the  
6 following new paragraph:

7 “(3) DURATION OF WAIVER.—

8 “(A) IN GENERAL.—A waiver issued under  
9 this subsection shall be for a period of not more  
10 than 30 days.

11 “(B) EXTENSION.—Upon termination of  
12 the period of a waiver issued under this sub-  
13 section, the head of an agency responsible for  
14 the administration of the navigation or vessel-  
15 inspection laws may extend the waiver for an  
16 additional period of not more than 30 days.

17 “(C) AGGREGATE DURATION.—The aggre-  
18 gate duration of the period of all waivers and  
19 extensions of waivers under this subsection with

1           respect to any one set of events may not exceed  
2           60 days, unless extended by an act of Congress  
3           in accordance with subsection (e).”;

4           (2) in subsection (b)(2)(B), by inserting before  
5           the period at the end the following: “, unless ex-  
6           tended by an Act of Congress in accordance with  
7           subsection (e)”;

8           (3) In subsection (c)(1), by striking subpara-  
9           graph (F) and inserting the following:

10                   “(F) an explanation as to why the waiver  
11                   was necessary to address an immediate adverse  
12                   effect on national defense; and”;

13           (4) by inserting after subsection (d) the fol-  
14           lowing new subsection:

15           “(d) ACT OF CONGRESS.—A waiver granted under  
16           this section may be extended, at such time as the Congress  
17           by concurrent resolution may designate, for a period of  
18           not more than 90 days.”.

