

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 3534
OFFERED BY MR. BLUNT OF MISSOURI**

Page 223, after line 13, insert the following (and conform the table of contents of the bill accordingly):

1 **SEC. 731. EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title IV of the Oil Pollution Act
3 of 1990 (Public Law 101–380; 104 Stat. 509 et seq.) is
4 amended by adding at the end the following:

5 **“Subtitle D—Emergency**
6 **Preparedness for Discharges**

7 **“SEC. 4401. EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS.**

8 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after the
9 date of enactment of this subtitle, the Secretary shall re-
10 quire by regulation the development and deployment of
11 certain technology for use in the event of a breach or ex-
12 plosion at, or a significant discharge of oil from, a deep-
13 water port, offshore facility, or tank vessel (in this section
14 referred to as a ‘covered event’).

15 “(b) REQUIREMENTS.—The regulations shall re-
16 quire—

1 “(1)(A) the development, for use in capping un-
2 derwater oil wells affected by a covered event, tech-
3 nology that is—

4 “(i) capable of funneling discharges of
5 oil from an underwater oil well to a con-
6 tainment vessel at the ocean surface; and

7 “(ii) effective at water depths at least
8 2,000 feet deeper than the limits of oil and
9 gas production on the Outer Continental
10 Shelf as of the date of enactment of this
11 subtitle; and

12 “(B) the purchase and deployment by the Sec-
13 retary of those engineered capping technologies in
14 such number of locations throughout the United
15 States (including the navigable waters), to be deter-
16 mined by the Secretary, as would permit deployment
17 and use of the domes to respond to a covered event
18 not later than 24 hours after the time at which the
19 covered event occurred;

20 “(2)(A) the development of flame-proof booms
21 capable of functioning in the open ocean with waves
22 of not more than 6 feet in height; and

23 “(B) the purchase and deployment by the Sec-
24 retary of those booms at such locations and in such

1 lengths or quantities as would permit, as determined
2 by the Secretary—

3 “(i) the use of the booms in response to a
4 covered event not later than 24 hours after the
5 time at which the covered event occurred; and

6 “(ii) the complete surrounding of 100
7 square miles of open ocean within that period
8 of time; and

9 “(3) the development, and purchase and deploy-
10 ment by the Secretary, of remote operated vehicles
11 for use in the open ocean that are—

12 “(A) equipped with acoustic technology;

13 “(B) capable of welding and cutting or
14 torching below 15,000 feet of water; and

15 “(C) stationed at such locations, as deter-
16 mined by the Secretary, as would enable the re-
17 mote operated vehicles to be available for use in
18 an area affected by a covered event not later
19 than 24 hours after the time at which the cov-
20 ered event occurred.”

21 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
22 contained in section 2 of such Act is amended by inserting
23 after the item relating to section 4306 the following:

“Subtitle D—Emergency Preparedness for Discharges

“Sec. 4401. Emergency preparedness.”

