

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

At the end of title VIII add the following new section:

1 **SEC. ____ . CENTRAL BERING SEA POTENTIAL PLACE OF**
2 **REFUGE.**

3 (a) ST. GEORGE HARBOR, ALASKA.—To enhance
4 safety of life at sea, to enhance marine ecosystem health,
5 and for the protection of the marine environment, includ-
6 ing important ecological areas, from oil spills and other
7 pollution in the Central Bering Sea that may result from
8 the development of, exploitation of, or exploration for oil
9 and gas resources, or the development of other natural re-
10 sources in this area, the Commandant of the Coast Guard
11 shall—

12 (1) review the harbor at St. George, Alaska, as
13 a potential place of refuge in accordance with the
14 National Response Plan Guidelines for Places of
15 Refuge Decision-making;

16 (2) not later than one year after the date of en-
17 actment of this Act, consult with other appropriate
18 agency officials and determine the improvements

1 necessary to make the harbor at St. George, Alaska,
2 a fully-functional harbor, including those that may
3 qualify the harbor to be designated as a potential
4 place of refuge throughout the year in case of a ma-
5 rine casualty or for the response to or prevention of
6 an oil spill; and

7 (3) not later than 3 years after the date of en-
8 actment of this Act and as determined under para-
9 graph (2), coordinate with other appropriate agency
10 officials and oversee the completion of construction
11 of the harbor, by the appropriate Federal agencies,
12 as a fully-functional harbor, including those improve-
13 ments that qualify the harbor to be designated as a
14 potential place of refuge throughout the year.

15 (b) ELIGIBILITY FOR FUNDING.—The activities au-
16 thorized in subsection (a) of this section are eligible for,
17 but not limited to, funding under provisions of this Act,
18 including section 605.

