

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 3619
OFFERED BY MR. LOBIONDO OF NEW JERSEY
AND MR. COBLE OF NORTH CAROLINA

Page 312, after line 22, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. ____ . USE OF FORCE AGAINST PIRACY.**

2 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Notwithstanding title X of this
3 Act, chapter 81 of title 46, United States Code, is amend-
4 ed by adding at the end the following new section:

5 **“§ 8107. Use of force against piracy**

6 “(a) **LIMITATION ON LIABILITY.**—An owner, oper-
7 ator, time charterer, master, or mariner who uses force,
8 or authorizes the use of force, to defend a vessel of the
9 United States against an act of piracy shall not be liable
10 for any injury or death caused by such force to any person
11 participating in the act of piracy.

12 “(b) **PROMOTION OF COORDINATED ACTION.**—To
13 carry out the purpose of this section, the Secretary of the
14 department in which the Coast Guard is operating shall
15 work through the International Maritime Organization to
16 establish agreements to promote coordinated action among
17 flag- and port-states to deter, protect against, and rapidly
18 respond to acts of piracy against the vessels of, and in

1 the waters under the jurisdiction of, those nations, and
2 to ensure limitations on liability similar to those estab-
3 lished by subsection (a).”.

4 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis at the be-
5 ginning of such chapter is amended by adding at the end
6 the following new item:

“8107. Use of force against piracy”.

