

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 3619**  
**OFFERED BY MR. TAYLOR OF MISSISSIPPI**

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

1 **SEC. \_\_\_\_ . JONES ACT AMENDMENTS.**

2 (a) **DEFINITIONS.**—Section 12101 of title 46, United  
3 States Code, is amended

4 (1) by amending (a) to read as follows:

5 “(a) **REBUILT IN THE UNITED STATES.**—In this  
6 chapter, a vessel is deemed to have been rebuilt in the  
7 United States only if the fabrication, construction, and ad-  
8 dition of any major component of the vessel’s hull or su-  
9 perstructure was done in the United States.”;

10 (2) by redesignating subsection (b) as sub-  
11 section (f); and

12 (3) inserting after subsection (a) the following  
13 new subsections:

14 “(b) **MAJOR COMPONENT.**—In this chapter, the term  
15 ‘major component’ means an identifiable unit (excluding  
16 engines, equipment, machinery and other outfitting) con-  
17 structed on or added to the vessel that comprises more  
18 than 1.5 percent of the vessel’s total steel weight. Steel-  
19 work performed as a unit that is an identifiable unit that

1 comprises less than 1.5 percent of the vessel's total steel  
2 weight, while not qualifying as a major component, shall  
3 be counted toward the steelwork limit described in section  
4 12132(b)(2).

5       “(c) IDENTIFIABLE UNIT.—In this chapter, the term  
6 ‘identifiable unit’ means an item that is constructed on  
7 the vessel or added as a new and completely constructed  
8 unit.

9       “(d) STEEL WEIGHT.—In this chapter, the term  
10 ‘steel weight’ includes the total weight of all steel and alu-  
11 minum comprising the vessel's hull and superstructure, ex-  
12 cluding engines, equipment, machinery and other outfit-  
13 ting.

14       “(e) STEELWORK.—In this chapter, the term ‘steel-  
15 work’ includes work in steel, aluminum, or both.”.

16       (b) LOSS OF COASTWISE TRADE PRIVILEGES.—Sec-  
17 tion 12132(b) of title 46, United States Code, is amended  
18 to read as follows:

19       “(b) REBUILT OUTSIDE OF THE UNITED STATES.—  
20 (1) A vessel eligible to engage in the coastwise trade is  
21 deemed rebuilt outside the United States and may not  
22 thereafter engage in the coastwise trade whenever\_\_

23               “(A) regardless of material of construction of  
24       the vessel—

1           “(i) a major component, as defined in sec-  
2           tion 12101(b), of the vessel’s hull or super-  
3           structure, built in the United States, is added  
4           outside of the United States; or

5           “(ii) a major component, as defined in sec-  
6           tion 12101(b), of the vessel’s hull or super-  
7           structure, not built in the United States, is  
8           added, regardless of the manner in which the  
9           major component is added; or

10          “(B) for a vessel of which the vessel’s hull or  
11          superstructure is constructed of steel, aluminum, or  
12          a combination thereof, the work performed on its  
13          hull or superstructure exceeds 10 percent of the ves-  
14          sel’s total steel weight, prior to the work.

15          “(2) For the purposes of paragraph (1)(B), when cal-  
16          culating the vessel’s total steel weight, the vessel’s machin-  
17          ery, fluids, furnishings, and other outfit items shall not  
18          be considered.

19          “(3) Steelwork performed in a foreign shipyard shall  
20          not be considered under this subchapter if the work is per-  
21          formed to effect repairs or replacements necessary to allow  
22          the vessel to safely transit to the United States.”.

1           (c) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—This section shall not apply  
2 to any vessel that had worked performed in a foreign ship-  
3 yard and that was redelivered before January 1, 2009.

