

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5114, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. HINCHEY OF NEW YORK**

Page 41, after line 8, insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. 23. REIMBURSEMENT OF PROPERTY OWNERS FOR**
2 **COSTS INCURRED IN REQUESTS TO REMOVE**
3 **PROPERTY FROM BASE FLOOD ELEVATIONS.**

4 Section 1360 of the National Flood Insurance Act of
5 1968 (42 U.S.C. 4101) is amended by adding at the end
6 the following new subsection:

7 “(k) REIMBURSEMENT OF PROPERTY OWNERS FOR
8 COSTS INCURRED IN REQUESTS TO REMOVE PROPERTY
9 FROM BASE FLOOD ELEVATIONS.—If an owner of a real
10 property incurs expense in connection with the services of
11 surveyors, engineers, or similar services, but not including
12 legal services, in effecting any request to the Director to
13 remove the property from inclusion within the base flood
14 elevations established under flood insurance map panels,
15 and the Director grants such request in whole or in part,
16 the Director shall reimburse such individual for such ex-
17 pense. The amount of such reimbursement shall be deter-
18 mined by the Director, based on the ratio of the successful
19 portion of the request as compared to the entire request.

1 The Director shall apply such ratio to the average cost
2 of such services in the community for jobs of a similar
3 size.”.

