

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5114, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. TIAHRT OF KANSAS**

At the appropriate place in the bill, insert the following new section:

**1 SEC. ____ . EXTENSION OF PROVISIONAL ACCREDITED
2 LEVEE PERIOD; PROHIBITION ON MAPPING
3 DURING EXTENSION PERIOD.**

**4 (a) EXTENSION OF PROVISIONAL ACCREDITED
5 LEVEE PERIOD.—**

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding title 44 of
7 the Code of Federal Regulations or any procedural
8 memorandum issued by the Federal Emergency
9 Management Agency, a regional director of such
10 Agency may extend the Provisional Accredited Levee
11 period in accordance with paragraph (2).

12 (2) GOOD FAITH EFFORT.—

13 (A) IN GENERAL.—A regional director of
14 the Federal Emergency Management Agency
15 may extend, for a period not to exceed 24
16 months from the date of the expiration of the
17 original Provisional Accredited Levee (referred
18 to in this Act as “PAL”) period of 24 months,
19 such PAL period if such director determines

1 that the community, levee owner, or individual
2 responsible for upgrading the levee has applied
3 for a waiver and is making a good faith effort
4 as defined in subparagraph (B) to complete
5 such upgrade to the accredited level.

6 (B) GOOD FAITH EFFORT DEFINED.—For
7 purposes of this section, the term “good faith
8 effort” means a community, levee owner, or in-
9 dividual responsible for upgrading the levee pro-
10 vides evidence to the regional director that it—

11 (i) has adequate funds available to up-
12 grade such levee; and

13 (ii) has a contract with a qualified
14 private contractor or an appropriate Fed-
15 eral agency to verify the certification of the
16 levee.

17 (b) NO MAPPING DURING EXTENSION PERIOD.—
18 After a community, levee owner, or individual responsible
19 applies for a waiver and during any extension period
20 granted, the Federal Emergency Management Agency
21 shall suspend any mapping activities in the area sur-
22 rounding the levee.

