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AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE
Cummings OF Maryland, OR HIS
DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES:

Revised #81

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2647, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. CUMMINGS OF MARYLAND**

After section 3505 insert the following new section
(and redesignate accordingly):

1 **SEC. 3506. DEFENSE OF VESSELS AND CARGOS AGAINST PI-**
2 **RACY.**

3 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

4 (1) Protecting cargoes owned by the United
5 States Government and transported on United
6 States-flag vessels through an area designated by
7 the Coast Guard or the International Maritime Bu-
8 reau of the International Chamber of Commerce as
9 an area of high risk of piracy is in our national in-
10 terest.

11 (2) Protecting United States-citizen mariners
12 employed on United States-flag vessels transiting an
13 area designated by the Coast Guard or the Inter-
14 national Maritime Bureau of the international
15 Chamber of Commerce as an area of high risk of pi-
16 racy is in our national interest.

17 (3) Weapons and supplies that may be used to
18 support military operations should not fall into the
19 hands of pirates.

1 (b) EMBARKATION OF MILITARY PERSONNEL.—The
2 Secretary of Defense shall embark military personnel on
3 board a United States-flag vessel carrying Government-
4 impelled cargoes if the vessel is—

5 (1) operating in an area designated by the
6 Coast Guard or the International Maritime Bureau
7 of the International Chamber of Commerce as an
8 area of high risk of piracy; and

9 (2) determined by the Coast Guard to be at
10 risk of being boarded by pirates.

11 (c) LIMITATION ON APPLICATION.—This section shall
12 not apply with respect to an area referred to in subsection
13 (b)(1) on the earlier of—

14 (1) September 30, 2011; or

15 (2) the date on which the Secretary of Defense
16 notifies the Congress that the Secretary believes that
17 there is not a credible threat to United States-flag
18 vessels carrying Government-impelled cargoes oper-
19 ating in such area.

