

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5303
OFFERED BY MR. GRAVES OF LOUISIANA

At the end of title I, add the following:

1 **SEC. ____ . AGREEMENTS.**

2 Section 2036(c) of the Water Resources Development
3 Act of 2007 (33 U.S.C. 2317b) is amended by adding at
4 the end the following:

5 “(4) AGREEMENTS.—Notwithstanding any
6 other provision of this subsection, in carrying out a
7 water resources project that requires compensatory
8 mitigation, the Secretary or a non-Federal interest
9 may enter into an agreement through an in-lieu fee
10 program, mitigation bank, or other mitigation effort.
11 Such agreement may provide an offset to the im-
12 pacts of the project through the purchase of com-
13 pensatory mitigation credits that will be available on
14 or before the date of completion of the project. In
15 carrying out this subsection, the Secretary shall con-
16 sider compensatory mitigation alternatives that pro-
17 vide the greatest environmental benefit.”.

