

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4460
OFFERED BY MR. HUNTER OF CALIFORNIA

At the end of title II of the bill, insert the following:

1 **SEC. ____.** **VESSELS AND SEAMEN; WAIVER AUTHORITY.**

2 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Chapter 21 of title 46, United
3 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 2107
4 the following:

5 **“§ 2108. Waiver authority**

6 “The Secretary may waive any requirement under
7 this subtitle (other than a requirement relating to coast-
8 wise endorsement under chapter 121) if—

9 “(1) the waiver is requested to facilitate the re-
10 sponse to or recovery from a major disaster or emer-
11 gency declared under the Robert T. Stafford Dis-
12 aster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42
13 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.);

14 “(2) in the determination of the Secretary, the
15 waiver would not result in an undue risk to—

16 “(A) maritime safety or security; or

17 “(B) the environment; and

18 “(3) in the determination of the Secretary, no
19 vessel is available to carry out the relevant response
20 or recovery activity without a waiver.”.

1 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-
2 ter 21 of title 46, United States Code, is amended by in-
3 serting after the item relating to section 2107 the fol-
4 lowing:

“2108. Waiver authority.”.

