

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5978

OFFERED BY MR. HUNTER OF CALIFORNIA

In section 101(b), strike paragraph (2) (and redesignate the subsequent paragraph accordingly).

At the end of title I add the following:

1 **SEC. ____ . ARCTIC ALTERNATIVE PLANNING CRITERIA.**

2 (a) **GENERAL.**—The Commandant of the Coast
3 Guard may approve alternative planning criteria for an
4 area of lesser geographic extent than the area covered by
5 the Captain of the Port Zone that includes the Arctic for
6 purposes of complying with sections 155.1035(i) and
7 155.5035(i) of title 33, Code of Federal Regulations, only
8 if the Commandant—

9 (1) publishes the proposed alternative planning
10 criteria in the Federal Register for notice and com-
11 ment in accordance with section 553 of title 5,
12 United States Code;

13 (2) completes a study of the economic impacts
14 on the Arctic of such criteria; and

15 (3) submits a report on such study to the Com-
16 mittee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the
17 House of Representatives and the Committee on

1 Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Sen-
2 ate.

3 (b) DEFINITION.—For the purposes of this section
4 “Arctic” has the meaning that term has under section 112
5 of the Arctic Research and Policy Act of 1984 (15 U.S.C.
6 4111).

7 **SEC. ____ . POLAR ICEBREAKER PROGRAM.**

8 (a) ACQUISITIONS.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Commandant of the
10 Coast Guard, subject to the availability of amounts
11 specifically provided in advance in subsequent appro-
12 priations Acts—

13 (A) may enter into a contract for the ac-
14 quisition of no less than three heavy Polar ice-
15 breakers; and

16 (B) may enter into a contract for acquisi-
17 tion of additional Polar icebreakers, except that
18 the total number of icebreakers acquired under
19 this subsection may not exceed six.

20 (2) AUTHORIZED METHODS.—Such acquisi-
21 tions—

22 (A) may be made through block buy con-
23 tracts;

24 (B) may be incrementally funded;

1 (C) may include combined purchases, also
2 known as economic order quantity purchases,
3 of—

4 (i) materials and components; and

5 (ii) long lead time materials; and

6 (D) may include advance construction
7 funding.

8 (b) REQUIRED TERMS.—Any contract entered into
9 under subsection (a) shall provide that—

10 (1) any obligation of the United States to make
11 a payment under the contract is subject to the avail-
12 ability of amounts specifically provided in advance in
13 subsequent appropriations Acts for that purpose;
14 and

15 (2) the total liability to the Federal Government
16 for termination of the contract by either the con-
17 tractor or the Federal Government shall not exceed
18 the total amount of funding obligated by the Federal
19 Government for such contract at the time of termi-
20 nation.

Page 21, beginning at line 4, strike “Subject to the
availability of appropriations” and insert “Subject to the
availability of amounts specifically provided in advance in
subsequent appropriations Acts”.



