

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

At the end of title I, add the following:

1 **SEC. ____ . ARBITRATION.**

2 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Notwithstanding any other provi-
3 sion of law, the President shall establish an arbitration
4 process that expedites the resolution of disputes between
5 non-Federal interests and the Corps of Engineers related
6 to the interpretation of law or the application of provisions
7 in agreements between the parties.

8 (b) **CONTENTS.**—The arbitration process established
9 under subsection (a) shall incorporate the following:

10 (1) The process shall apply to a dispute at the
11 request of a non-Federal interest.

12 (2) Disputes shall be resolved by an inde-
13 pendent, neutral panel of 3 arbitrators.

14 (3) The process shall be in addition to any
15 other method available to a non-Federal interest for
16 resolving issues between the non-Federal interest
17 and the Corps of Engineers.

18 (4) Any entity involved in the process may re-
19 quest an oral hearing as part of the process.

1 (5) A panel of arbitrators operating under the
2 process may request the expertise and advice of
3 independent experts.

4 (6) A panel of arbitrators operating under the
5 process shall, to the extent practicable, make a ma-
6 jority decision not later than 60 days after written
7 and oral testimony concludes with respect to the rel-
8 evant dispute.

