Amendment to H.R. 2518 Offered by Ms. Wilson of Florida

At the end of title V add the following:

1 SEC. 5____. RECOURSE FOR NONCITIZENS.

2 Section 30104 of title 46, United States Code, is3 amended—

4 (1) by inserting "(a) IN GENERAL.—" before
5 the first sentence; and

6 (2) by adding at the end the following:

7 "(b) RESTRICTION ON RECOVERY FOR NON-RESIDENT ALIENS EMPLOYED ON FOREIGN PASSENGER 8 9 VESSELS.—A claim for damages or expenses relating to personal injury, illness, or death of a seaman who is a 10 11 citizen of a foreign nation, arising during or from the en-12 gagement of the seaman by or for a passenger vessel duly 13 registered under the laws of a foreign nation, may not be brought under the laws of the United States if— 14

15 "(1) such seaman was not a permanent resident
16 alien of the United States at the time the claim
17 arose;

18 "(2) the injury, illness, or death arose outside19 the territorial waters of the United States; and

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"(3) the seaman or the seaman's personal representative has or had a right to seek compensation
for the injury, illness, or death in, or under the laws
of—
"(A) the nation in which the vessel was
registered at the time the claim arose; or
"(B) the nation in which the seaman main-

tained citizenship or residency at the time the claim arose.".

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