AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5120
OFFERED BY MR. BOST OF ILLINOIS

At the end of the bill, add the following:

SEC. 31. THREATENING SAFE OPERATIONS OF PIPELINE INFRASTRUCTURE.

Section 60123 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(e) PENALTY FOR THREATENING THE SAFE OPERATIONS OF PIPELINE INFRASTRUCTURE.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—A person knowingly and willfully engaging in the unauthorized turning or manipulation of a valve of any pipeline facility described in subsection (b) shall be fined under title 18, imprisoned for not more than 5 years, or both.

“(2) RULE OF STATUTORY CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this subsection abridges the exercise of rights guaranteed under the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.”.