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

At the end of the bill, add the following:

1 SEC. 31. PENALTY FOR CAUSING A DEFECT IN PIPELINE INFRASTRUCTURE UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

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

3 “(e) PENALTY FOR CAUSING A DEFECT IN PIPELINE INFRASTRUCTURE UNDER CONSTRUCTION.—

4 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A person knowingly and willfully causing a defect in a pipe, pump, or valve intended to be used in any pipeline facility described in subsection (b) that would affect the integrity or safe operation of any such facility shall be fined under title 18, imprisoned for not more than 5 years, or both.

5 “(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.”.