AMENDMENT TO H.R. 3409
OFFERED BY MR. GARAMENDI OF CALIFORNIA

At the end of title III, insert the following:

SEC. 315 AUTHORIZATION TO EXTEND THE DURATION OF LICENSES, CERTIFICATES OF REGISTRY, AND MERCHANT MARINERS’ DOCUMENTS.

(a) MERCHANT MARINER LICENSES AND DOCUMENTS.—Chapter 75 of title 46, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“§7507 Authority to extend the duration of licenses, certificates of registry, and merchant mariner documents

“(a) LICENSES AND CERTIFICATES OF REGISTRY.—Notwithstanding sections 7106 and 7107, the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating may extend for up to one year an expiring license or certificate of registry issued for an individual under chapter 71 if the Secretary determines such extension is required—

“(1) to enable the Coast Guard to eliminate a backlog in processing applications for those licenses or certificates of registry;
“(2) because necessary records have been destroyed or are unavailable due to a natural disaster; or

“(3) to align the expiration date of a license or certificate of registry with the expiration date of a transportation worker identification credential (also known as transportation security cards) under section 70501.

“(b) MERCHANT MARINER DOCUMENTS.—Notwithstanding section 7302(g), the Secretary may extend for one year an expiring merchant mariner’s document issued for an individual under chapter 71 if the Secretary determines that extension is required—

“(1) to enable the Coast Guard to eliminate a backlog in processing applications for those licenses or certificates of registry;

“(2) because necessary records have been destroyed or are unavailable due to a natural disaster; or

“(3) to align the expiration date of a license or certificate of registry with the expiration date of a transportation worker identification credential (also known as transportation security cards) under section 70501.
“(c) RENEWAL.—With respect to any renewal of an existing merchant mariner credential that is not an extension under subsections (a) or (b), such credential shall begin the day after the expiration of the credential holder’s existing credential.

“(d) MANNER OF EXTENSION.—Any extensions granted under this section may be granted to individual mariners or a specifically identified group of mariners.”.

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for such chapter is amended by adding at the end the following:

“7507. Authority to extend the duration of licenses, certificates of registry, and merchant mariner documents.”.