AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE FOR H.R. 7776
OFFERED BY MR. GRAVES OF LOUISIANA

Page 58, after line 12, insert the following:

1 SEC. 132. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER
GULF OUTLET, LOUISIANA.

It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) section 7012(b) of the Water Resources De-
velopment Act of 2007 (Public Law 110–114), to-
gether with the Emergency Supplemental Appropri-
tions Act for Defense, the Global War on Terror,
and Hurricane Recovery, 2006 (Public Law 109–
234), authorizes and directs the Corps of Engineers
to close and restore the ecosystem adversely affected
by the construction and operation of the Mississippi
River Gulf Outlet at full Federal expense;

(2) Congress deauthorized the navigation
project and anticipated that restoration work would
be well underway by this time;

(3) no change to existing law is needed to ad-
advance this project, as indicated in the October 7,
2007 Congressional Record and this section;
(4) legal and interpretative delays inconsistent with congressional intent have failed to serve the public interest; and

(5) the Corps of Engineers should quickly begin construction of this important project utilizing existing authorities.