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AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 2830 OFFERED BY MRS. TAUSCHER OF CALIFORNIA

At the end of title III add the following:

1 **SEC. ___. REQUIREMENT FOR PILOTS TO CARRY AND UTI-**
2 **LIZE PORTABLE ELECTRONIC NAVIGATIONAL**
3 **DEVICE.**

4 The Ports and Waterways Safety Act (33 U.S.C.
5 1221 et seq.) is amended by inserting after section 4A
6 the following:

7 **"SEC. 4B. PORTABLE ELECTRONIC DEVICE FOR NAVIGA-**
8 **TION PURPOSES.**

9 "(a) IN GENERAL.—The Commandant of the Coast
10 Guard may issue regulations that—

11 "(1) require that any pilot licensed under sub-
12 title II of title 46, United States Code, while serving
13 under the authority of that license as pilot on a cov-
14 ered vessel operating in waters designated in the
15 regulation shall carry and utilize a portable elec-
16 tronic device that is—

17 "(A) equipped for navigational purposes;
18 and

1 "(B) capable of being connected to an
2 Automatic Identification System; and
3 "(2) require such pilots to obtain training in
4 the use of such electronic devices, and prescribe re-
5 quirements for such training after consultation with
6 State or local pilotage authorities on specific equip-
7 ment and practices in the waters designated in the
8 regulation.
9 "(b) DETERMINATION OF NEED.—The Commandant
10 shall consult with State or local pilotage authorities for
11 the waters covered by the regulations to determine if the
12 carriage and use of such portable electronic devices would
13 improve safe navigation under local conditions and wheth-
14 er there is a need for mandatory carriage requirements.
15 "(c) COVERED VESSEL DEFINED.—In this section
16 the term 'covered vessel' means a self-propelled commer-
17 cial vessel of 300 gross tons or more that does not have
18 an electronic chart prescribed under section 4A.".