

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. \_\_\_\_\_**  
**OFFERED BY MR. FLORES OF TEXAS**

Add at the end the following new section:

1 **SEC. \_\_\_\_ . CAUSING A DEFECT IN PIPELINE INFRASTRUC-**  
2 **TURE UNDER CONSTRUCTION.**

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

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

7 “(1) PENALTY.—A person who knowingly and  
8 willfully causes a defect in a pipe, pump, or valve in-  
9 tended to be used in a facility described in sub-  
10 section (b) that would affect the integrity of safe op-  
11 erations of such a facility shall be fined under title  
12 18, imprisoned for not more than 5 years, or both.

13 “(2) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in  
14 this subsection abridges the exercise of rights guar-  
15 anteed under the First Amendment to the Constitu-  
16 tion of the United States.”.

