AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 4479
OFFERED BY MR. SABLON OF NORTHERN
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Strike all that follows after the enacting clause, and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
2 This Act may be cited as the “Disaster Recovery Workforce Act”.

4 SEC. 2. CONSTRUCTION WORKER PERMITS.
5 Section 6(d)(3) of the Joint Resolution entitled “A Joint Resolution to approve the ‘Covenant To Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union with the United States of America’, and for other purposes” (48 U.S.C. 1806(d)(3)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

11 “(E) TYPHOON RECOVERY.—
12 “(i) PERMITS FOR CONSTRUCTION WORKERS.—Notwithstanding any numerical cap set forth in subparagraph (B) for each of fiscal years 2020, 2021, and 2022, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall increase by 3,000, for each such fiscal
year, the total number of permits available
under this subsection for Construction and
Extraction Occupations (as defined by the
Department of Labor as Standard Occupa-
tional Classification Group 47–0000).

“(ii) PERMIT REQUIREMENTS.—The
Secretary may only issue a permit made
available under clause (i) to a prospective
employer if the permit is for an alien who—

“(I) is a national of a country
designated eligible to participate in
the program under section
101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(b) of the Immigra-
tion and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
1101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(b)) during cal-
endar year 2018; and

“(II) is performing service or
labor pursuant to a contract or sub-
contract for construction, repairs, ren-
ovations, or facility services directly
connected to, or associated with recov-
ery from a presidentially declared
major disaster or emergency (as those
terms are defined in section 102 of
the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief
and Emergency Assistance Act (42
U.S.C. 5122), or for preparation for a
future disaster or emergency.

“(iii) EXCEPTION FOR CONSTRUCTION
WORKERS.—Subparagraph (D)(v) shall not
apply to a permit made available under
clause (i) for any fiscal year described in
such clause.”.