

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5978**  
**OFFERED BY MR. HUNTER OF CALIFORNIA**

In section 101(b), strike paragraph (2) (and redesignate the subsequent paragraph accordingly).

At the end of title I add the following:

1 **SEC. \_\_\_\_ . ARCTIC ALTERNATIVE PLANNING CRITERIA.**

2 (a) GENERAL.—The Commandant of the Coast  
3 Guard may approve alternative planning criteria for an  
4 area of lesser geographic extent than the area covered by  
5 the Captain of the Port Zone that includes the Arctic for  
6 purposes of complying with sections 155.1035(i) and  
7 155.5035(i) of title 33, Code of Federal Regulations, only  
8 if the Commandant—

9 (1) publishes the proposed alternative planning  
10 criteria in the Federal Register for notice and com-  
11 ment in accordance with section 553 of title 5,  
12 United States Code;

13 (2) completes a study of the economic impacts  
14 on the Arctic of such criteria; and

15 (3) submits a report on such study to the Com-  
16 mittee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the  
17 House of Representatives and the Committee on

1 Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Sen-  
2 ate.

3 (b) DEFINITION.—For the purposes of this section  
4 “Arctic” has the meaning that term has under section 112  
5 of the Arctic Research and Policy Act of 1984 (15 U.S.C.  
6 4111).

7 **SEC. \_\_\_\_ . POLAR ICEBREAKER PROGRAM.**

8 (a) ACQUISITIONS.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Commandant of the  
10 Coast Guard, subject to the availability of amounts  
11 specifically provided in advance in subsequent appro-  
12 priations Acts—

13 (A) may enter into a contract for the ac-  
14 quisition of no less than three heavy Polar ice-  
15 breakers; and

16 (B) may enter into a contract for acquisi-  
17 tion of additional Polar icebreakers, except that  
18 the total number of icebreakers acquired under  
19 this subsection may not exceed six.

20 (2) AUTHORIZED METHODS.—Such acquisi-  
21 tions—

22 (A) may be made through block buy con-  
23 tracts;

24 (B) may be incrementally funded;

1 (C) may include combined purchases, also  
2 known as economic order quantity purchases,  
3 of—

4 (i) materials and components; and

5 (ii) long lead time materials; and

6 (D) may include advance construction  
7 funding.

8 (b) REQUIRED TERMS.—Any contract entered into  
9 under subsection (a) shall provide that—

10 (1) any obligation of the United States to make  
11 a payment under the contract is subject to the avail-  
12 ability of amounts specifically provided in advance in  
13 subsequent appropriations Acts for that purpose;  
14 and

15 (2) the total liability to the Federal Government  
16 for termination of the contract by either the con-  
17 tractor or the Federal Government shall not exceed  
18 the total amount of funding obligated by the Federal  
19 Government for such contract at the time of termi-  
20 nation.

Page 21, beginning at line 4, strike “Subject to the  
availability of appropriations” and insert “Subject to the  
availability of amounts specifically provided in advance in  
subsequent appropriations Acts”.

