

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 3409
OFFERED BY MR. GARAMENDI OF CALIFORNIA

At the end of title III, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 315 INDEPENDENT STUDY ON THE UNITED STATES**
2 **MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
4 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Transpor-
5 tation shall seek to enter into an agreement with the Na-
6 tional Academy of Public Administration (referred to in
7 this section as the “Academy”) to carry out the activities
8 described in this section.

9 (b) STUDY ELEMENTS.—In accordance with the
10 agreement described in subsection (a), the Academy shall
11 conduct a study of the United States Merchant Marine
12 Academy that consists of the following:

13 (1) A comprehensive assessment of the United
14 States Merchant Marine Academy’s systems, train-
15 ing, facilities, infrastructure, information technology,
16 and stakeholder engagement.

17 (2) Identification of needs and opportunities for
18 modernization to help the United States Merchant
19 Marine Academy keep pace with more modern cam-
20 puses.

1 (3) Development of an action plan for the
2 United States Merchant Marine Academy with spe-
3 cific recommendations for—

4 (A) improvements or updates relating to
5 the opportunities described in paragraph (2);
6 and

7 (B) systemic changes needed to help the
8 United States Merchant Marine Academy
9 achieve its mission of inspiring and educating
10 the next generation of the mariner workforce on
11 a long-term basis.

12 (c) DEADLINE AND REPORT.—Not later than 1 year
13 after the date of the agreement described in subsection
14 (a), the Academy shall prepare and submit to the Adminis-
15 trator of the Maritime Administration a report containing
16 the action plan described in subsection (b)(3), including
17 specific findings and recommendations.

