

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE  
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE FOR H.R. 7776  
OFFERED BY MR. GRAVES OF LOUISIANA**

Page 58, after line 12, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 132. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER**  
2 **GULF OUTLET, LOUISIANA.**

3 It is the sense of Congress that—

4 (1) section 7012(b) of the Water Resources De-  
5 velopment Act of 2007 (Public Law 110–114), to-  
6 gether with the Emergency Supplemental Appropria-  
7 tions Act for Defense, the Global War on Terror,  
8 and Hurricane Recovery, 2006 (Public Law 109–  
9 234), authorizes and directs the Corps of Engineers  
10 to close and restore the ecosystem adversely affected  
11 by the construction and operation of the Mississippi  
12 River Gulf Outlet at full Federal expense;

13 (2) Congress deauthorized the navigation  
14 project and anticipated that restoration work would  
15 be well underway by this time;

16 (3) no change to existing law is needed to ad-  
17 vance this project, as indicated in the October 7,  
18 2007 Congressional Record and this section;

1           (4) legal and interpretative delays inconsistent  
2           with congressional intent have failed to serve the  
3           public interest; and

4           (5) the Corps of Engineers should quickly begin  
5           construction of this important project utilizing exist-  
6           ing authorities.

