

## COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

[STAFF WORKING DRAFT]

June 22, 2005

Purpose: To provide for Senate confirmation for the appointment of Coast Guard officers ranked lieutenant commander or above.

**IN THE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND  
TRANSPORTATION—109TH Cong., 1ST Sess.**

**S. ———, 109TH Congress, 1ST Session**

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INTENDED to be proposed by Mr. STEVENS

Viz:

1 At the appropriate place insert the following:

2 **SEC. ———. PROMOTION OF COAST GUARD OFFICERS.**

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4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 211(a) of title 14, United  
5 States Code, is amended to read as follows:

6 “(a)(1) The President may appoint permanent com-  
7 missioned officers in the Regular Coast Guard in grades  
8 appropriate to their qualification, experience, and length  
9 of service, as the needs of the Coast Guard may require,  
10 from among the following categories:

11 “(A) Graduates of the Coast Guard Academy.

1           “(B) Commissioned warrant officers, warrant  
2           officers, and enlisted members of the Regular Coast  
3           Guard.

4           “(C) Members of the Coast Guard Reserve who  
5           have served at least 2 years as such.

6           “(D) Licensed officers of the United States  
7           merchant marine who have served 2 or more years  
8           aboard a vessel of the United States in the capacity  
9           of a licensed officer.

10          “(2) Original appointments under this section in the  
11          grades of lieutenant commander and above shall be made  
12          by the President by and with the advice and consent of  
13          the Senate.

14          “(3) Original appointments under this section in the  
15          grades of ensign through lieutenant shall be made by the  
16          President alone.”.

17          (b) WARTIME TEMPORARY SERVICE PROMOTION.—  
18          Section 275(f) of title 14, United States Code, is amended  
19          by striking the second and third sentences and inserting  
20          “Original appointments under this section in the grades  
21          of lieutenant commander and above shall be made by the  
22          President by and with the advice and consent of the Sen-  
23          ate. Original appointments under this section in the

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- 2 President alone.”.

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