

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO S. 1635
OFFERED BY MR. SMITH OF NEW JERSEY**

In title VII, add at the end the following:

1 **SEC. 7___ . SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING COVERAGE**
2 **OF APPROPRIATE THERAPIES FOR DEPEND-**
3 **ENTS WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER**
4 **(ASD).**

5 (a) FINDING.—Congress finds that physical, occupa-
6 tional, speech, and applied behavioral analysis (ABA)
7 therapies are evidenced-based interventions proven to
8 bring about positive change and assist in the long term
9 development of children with autism spectrum disorder
10 (ASD).

11 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
12 gress that the Secretary should endeavor to ensure cov-
13 erage and access, for dependents with ASD of overseas
14 employees, to the therapies described in subsection (a), in-
15 cluding through telehealth, computer software programs,
16 or alternative means if appropriate providers are not ac-
17 cessible due to such employees' placement overseas.

