

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 3524
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Add at the end of title III the following:

1 **SEC. 3 ____ . SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING PRESS FREE-**
2 **DOM IN THE PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.**

3 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that the People’s Re-
4 public of China maintains one of the worst media environ-
5 ments in the world and seeks to curtail political speech
6 inside and outside the country, including by—

7 (1) targeting independent and foreign media in
8 China through systematic harassment including the
9 denial of visas to foreign journalists, imprisonment,
10 the denial of medical care to imprisoned journalists,
11 and curtailing access to legal representation;

12 (2) pervasively monitoring and censoring online
13 and social media content, including through the ban-
14 ning of virtual private networks;

15 (3) using the full force of the State to stifle in-
16 ternal dissent including dissent online, particularly
17 dissent that could lead to political change and con-
18 tent that criticizes China’s leaders, however trivial,

1 reportedly even to the point of censoring compari-
2 sons of Xi Jinping’s looks with Winnie the Pooh;

3 (4) spreading propaganda to foreign audiences
4 through the United Front Work Department and re-
5 lated activities;

6 (5) eeking to intimidate American-based jour-
7 nalists working for Radio Free Asia and reporting
8 on gross human rights violations in China’s Xinjiang
9 Uyghur Autonomous Region by jailing or otherwise
10 harassing members of their families; and

11 (6) championing a “sovereign Internet” model
12 and exporting technology to enhance the ability of
13 like-minded authoritarian regimes to suppress dis-
14 sent online and monitor the activity of their people.

15 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
16 gress that—

17 (1) the freedom of the press is an unalienable
18 right that is necessary for citizens to hold their gov-
19 ernment to account;

20 (2) the PRC should cease its repression of jour-
21 nalists, citizen journalists, news organizations; and

22 (3) the PRC should cease the censorship of po-
23 litical satire, including comparisons of Xi Jinping’s
24 looks with Winnie the Pooh.

