

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 3524
OFFERED BY Mr. Mast**

Page 79, after line 3, insert the following:

1 **SEC. ____ . STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT AND REPORT ON**
2 **WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION STRATEGY.**

3 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

4 (1) The World Trade Organization is a 164-
5 member international organization that was created
6 to oversee and administer multilateral trade rules,
7 serve as a forum for trade liberalization negotia-
8 tions, and resolve trade disputes.

9 (2) The United States was a major force behind
10 the establishment of the World Trade Organization
11 in 1995.

12 (3) The United States, along with other coun-
13 tries, has sought to establish a more open, rules-
14 based trading system in the postwar era, with the
15 goal of fostering international economic cooperation
16 and raising economic prosperity worldwide.

17 (4) The statutory basis for the membership of
18 the United States in the World Trade Organization
19 is the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (19 U.S.C.

1 3501 et seq.), and United States priorities and ob-
2 jectives for the General Agreement on Tariffs and
3 Trade of the World Trade Organization have been
4 reflected in various legislative measures providing
5 expedited trade promotion authority since 1974.

6 (5) World Trade Organization agreements allow
7 countries to lower trade barriers gradually, with de-
8 veloping countries and sensitive sectors in particular
9 are usually given longer transition periods to fulfill
10 their obligations under new agreements.

11 (6) The World Trade Organization also supple-
12 ments such “special and differential” treatment for
13 developing countries by providing capacity-building
14 measures, providing technical assistance for the im-
15 plementation of obligations under World Trade Or-
16 ganization agreements, and permitting developed
17 countries to extend non-reciprocal trade preference
18 programs to such developing countries.

19 (7) Approximately two-thirds of the members of
20 the World Trade Organization self-designate as “de-
21 veloping” countries, including the People’s Republic
22 of China (PRC), effectively tying the hands of the
23 WTO to push forward the open and free market
24 principles it was founded to advance.

1 (8) The PRC has the second-largest GDP in
2 the world and is a top goods exporter, including of
3 advanced technology goods.

4 (9) The PRC's outward direct investment ex-
5 ceeds that of 32 of the 36 OECD countries.

6 (10) The PRC's inbound FDI exceeds all but
7 one OECD member.

8 (11) The PRC has been the world's leading ex-
9 porter since 2009 and runs a large global trade sur-
10 plus (\$351,760,000,000 in 2018).

11 (12) The PRC is home to more than one-fifth
12 of the world's 500 largest companies.

13 (b) STRATEGY AND REPORT.—Not later than 180
14 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
15 retary of State, in consultation with the United States
16 Trade Representative, shall develop and submit to Con-
17 gress a report describing the manner in which the Federal
18 Government plans to pursue a United States strategy with
19 respect to the World Trade Organization to—

20 (1) facilitate the full implementation of agree-
21 ments reached by the World Trade Organization;
22 and

23 (2) ensure that none of the following types of
24 members of the World Trade Organization receives
25 “special and differential” treatment as a self-pro-

1 claimed developing country, in current or future
2 agreements of the World Trade Organization:

3 (A) Members that are also members of the
4 Organization for Economic Cooperation and
5 Development or have begun the accession proc-
6 ess to that organization.

7 (B) Members that are also members of the
8 Group of 20.

9 (C) Members that are classified as “high
10 income” countries by the World Bank.

