

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 3524
OFFERED BY MR. PFLUGER OF TEXAS**

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

1 **SEC. __. STATEMENT OF POLICY REGARDING UNITED**
2 **STATES SUPPORT FOR ENERGY DIVERSIFICA-**
3 **TION EFFORTS IN CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—It is the policy of the United
5 States to—

6 (1) promote energy security, prevent influence
7 from malign foreign adversaries, and to seek and
8 support opportunities for United States commercial
9 interests in Caribbean countries;

10 (2) direct executive agencies and support
11 United States private sector partners to actively
12 work with counterparts in the Co-operative Republic
13 of Guyana in the institutional development of its oil
14 and gas governance to ensure strong mechanisms for
15 the rule of law, transparency, anti-corruption stand-
16 ards, labor, and environmental standards;

17 (3) recognize that Guyana’s newly discovered
18 energy resources are projected to transform it to one
19 of the Western Hemisphere’s major energy pro-

1 ducers and the region’s wealthiest countries, with a
2 per capita GDP increase set to grow fourfold in ten
3 years;

4 (4) acknowledge that underdeveloped countries
5 have the right to responsibly use natural resources
6 to combat energy poverty, support economic develop-
7 ment, and in turn, provide support for regional en-
8 ergy diversification efforts;

9 (5) respond to the energy security threats posed
10 by Chinese state-owned enterprises controlling sig-
11 nificant shares of the Guyanese consortiums devel-
12 oping the oil discoveries; and

13 (6) to ensure the Department of State, the
14 United States Agency for International Develop-
15 ment, the United States International Development
16 Finance Cooperation, Inter-American Development
17 Bank, and other relevant agencies and financing in-
18 stitutions do not implement climate or social policies
19 that enable foreign adversaries to gain further influ-
20 ence.

21 (b) CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES DEFINED.—In this sec-
22 tion, the term “Caribbean countries” means countries in
23 the Caribbean region, but does not include Cuba, Nica-
24 ragua, or Venezuela.

