

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5246
OFFERED BY MR. BERA OF CALIFORNIA

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

1 **SEC. ____.** **AUTHORIZATION OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE OF-**
2 **FICE OF MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS FOR THE**
3 **EAST ASIA AND PACIFIC REGION.**

4 (a) **AUTHORIZATION.**—There shall be in the Depart-
5 ment of State a Director of the Office of Multilateral Af-
6 fairs in the Bureau of East Asia and Pacific Affairs.

7 (b) **DUTIES.**—The Director of the Office of Multilat-
8 eral Affairs should—

9 (1) Coordinate and support diplomatic engage-
10 ment in East Asia-focused regional fora and organi-
11 zations, including the Asia-Pacific Economic Co-
12 operation (APEC), Association of Southeast Nations
13 (ASEAN), ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF), East
14 Asia Summit (EAS), the Lower Mekong Initiative
15 (LMI), and any other East Asia-focused multilateral
16 fora determined by the Secretary.

17 (2) Provide staff and logistic support to the
18 U.S. Ambassador for Asia-Pacific Economic Co-
19 operation (APEC) and the U.S. Ambassador to the
20 Association of Southeast Nations (ASEAN).

1 (c) SUNSET.—This section shall terminate on the
2 date that is 5 years after the date of the enactment of
3 this section.

