

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5300
OFFERED BY MR. BERA OF CALIFORNIA

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

1 **SEC. ____ . SENSE OF CONGRESS ON THE ARCTIC REGION.**

2 It is the sense of Congress that—

3 (1) the Arctic region is of growing strategic im-
4 portance to the United States due to, resource ac-
5 cess, environmental impacts, and increasing geo-
6 political competition;

7 (2) the Arctic Council remains the premier
8 forum for cooperation among Arctic nations and In-
9 digenous Peoples on issues of security, science, sus-
10 tainable development, and environmental protection;

11 (3) the United States should maintain strong,
12 active, and sustained leadership within the Arctic
13 Council and coordinate its defense, diplomatic, and
14 scientific activities in support of its objectives as the
15 People's Republic of China increases their competi-
16 tive activities in the region posing a threat to Amer-
17 ican and European security;

18 (4) cooperation with Arctic partners is vital to
19 ensuring maritime safety, search and rescue capac-

1 ity, ecosystem protection, and the resilience of Indig-
2 enous communities; and
3 (5) the Department should ensure that United
4 States strategy and operations in the Arctic
5 strengthen stability, protect national interests, and
6 uphold democratic values and international law.

