

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 9087
OFFERED BY MS. JACOBS OF CALIFORNIA**

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

1 **SEC. ____ . USE OF WORLD LANGUAGE SKILLS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 702 of the Foreign Serv-
3 ice Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 4022) is amended by adding
4 at the end the following:

5 “(c) USE OF WORLD LANGUAGE SKILLS.—

6 “(1) REQUIREMENT.—Any member of the Serv-
7 ice who undergoes full-time, Department-funded lan-
8 guage training for a period exceeding six months
9 shall be required to serve no fewer than two tours
10 in positions for which proficiency in such language
11 is a documented requirement for the position.

12 “(2) TIMING OF ASSIGNMENTS.—The require-
13 ment under paragraph (1) shall commence with the
14 first assignment immediately following the comple-
15 tion of the language training, except as provided in
16 paragraph (3).

17 “(3) WAIVER AUTHORITY.—The Secretary may
18 waive the requirement under paragraph (1) with re-
19 spect to a member of the Service only if the Sec-

1 retary certifies to the Committee on Foreign Affairs
2 of the House of Representatives and the Committee
3 on Foreign Relations of the Senate that—

4 “(A) the member or a family member of
5 the member has developed a medical condition
6 preventing service at the required posts;

7 “(B) the member is assigned to a position
8 of higher priority; or

9 “(C) there is no vacant position for which
10 the member is qualified where the language
11 skill is required.

12 “(4) CONSECUTIVE TOURS DEFINED.—The
13 term ‘consecutive tours’ refers to sequential assign-
14 ments either overseas at posts where the trained lan-
15 guage is the primary local or official language, or
16 domestic assignments where the primary duties in-
17 volve direct use of the trained language or the
18 trained language is helpful to the completion of do-
19 mestic assignment duties.”.

20 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
21 subsection (a) shall apply to any member of the Service
22 who begins language training on or after the date that
23 is 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

