

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

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

1 **SEC. __. ASSESSMENT OF CONTINUOUS VETTING OPTIONS**
2 **FOR LOCALLY ENGAGED STAFF.**

3 (a) **ASSESSMENT REQUIRED.**—Not later than 18
4 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-
5 retary of State, acting through the Assistant Secretary for
6 Diplomatic Security and in coordination with the Director
7 of National Intelligence and the Director of the Office of
8 Personnel Management, as appropriate, shall submit to
9 the appropriate congressional committees a report assess-
10 ing options and requirements for implementing continuous
11 vetting or enhanced periodic vetting of locally engaged
12 staff employed at United States diplomatic and consular
13 missions abroad.

14 (b) **SCOPE.**—The report required under subsection
15 (a) shall address—

16 (1) the current vetting and reinvestigation
17 framework applicable to locally engaged staff, in-
18 cluding the five-year reinvestigation cycle and the
19 Overseas Vetting Guidelines;

1 (2) the feasibility of implementing continuous
2 vetting or enhanced periodic vetting for locally en-
3 gaged staff, including the availability of host-country
4 records, biometric systems, law-enforcement data-
5 bases, and other investigative resources on a post-
6 by-post basis;

7 (3) legal, diplomatic, host-country, bilateral
8 agreement, and privacy considerations that may af-
9 fect the implementation of continuous vetting for lo-
10 cally engaged staff, including limitations imposed by
11 existing liaison agreements with host governments;

12 (4) resource requirements, including personnel,
13 technology, interagency agreements, and funding,
14 necessary to implement continuous vetting or en-
15 hanced periodic vetting at scale;

16 (5) options for prioritizing continuous or en-
17 hanced vetting based on position sensitivity, access
18 to classified information, access to Department sys-
19 tems, or other risk factors;

20 (6) whether existing authorities are sufficient to
21 implement continuous vetting for locally engaged
22 staff or whether additional statutory authority is re-
23 quired; and

24 (7) recommendations on whether and how to
25 implement continuous or enhanced vetting for locally

1 engaged staff, including any phased or pilot ap-
2 proach the Secretary determines appropriate.

3 (c) FORM.—The report required under subsection (a)
4 shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may include
5 a classified annex.

