

**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. ____ . DEPARTMENT OF STATE CONGRESSIONAL FEL-**
2 **LOWSHIP PROGRAM.**

3 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 1 year after the
4 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State
5 shall continue, renew, or enter into agreements for con-
6 gressional fellowship programs that provide employees of
7 the Department of State with opportunities to gain prac-
8 tical congressional insight through service in congressional
9 offices.

10 (b) **PRIORITY CRITERIA.**—In entering into agree-
11 ments under subsection (a), the Secretary shall give pri-
12 ority to organizations that—

13 (1) prior to January 20, 2025, administered
14 congressional fellowship, exchange, detail, or profes-
15 sional development programs for employees of the
16 Department of State or other Federal agencies;

17 (2) maintain a bipartisan or nonpartisan rep-
18 utation;

1 (3) have experience administering fellowship,
2 exchange, or professional development programs;

3 (4) demonstrate expertise in Congress, foreign
4 policy, diplomacy, or public administration;

5 (5) have the capacity to place and support fel-
6 lows in congressional offices; and

7 (6) have appropriate safeguards to ensure polit-
8 ical neutrality and merit-based selection.

9 (c) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after
10 the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually there-
11 after for 5 years, the Secretary shall submit to the Com-
12 mittee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives
13 and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate
14 a report on the status of the implementation of subsection
15 (a), including the number of employees of the Department
16 of State participating in a congressional fellowship pro-
17 gram, the organizations administering such programs, and
18 any barriers to continuing or expanding such programs.

