

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 6020
OFFERED BY MRS. CAROLYN B. MALONEY OF
NEW YORK**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. FINDINGS.

2 Congress finds that—

3 (1) more than forty million fans have attended
4 Minor League Baseball games each season for 15
5 consecutive years;

6 (2) Minor League Baseball provides wholesome
7 affordable entertainment in 160 communities
8 throughout the Nation;

9 (3) in 2018, Minor League Baseball clubs do-
10 nated over \$45 million in cash and in-kind gifts to
11 their local communities and completed over 15,000
12 volunteer hours;

13 (4) the economic stimulus and development pro-
14 vided by Minor League Baseball clubs extends be-
15 yond the cities and towns where it is played, to wide
16 and diverse geographic areas comprising 80 percent
17 of the population in the Nation;

1 (5) Minor League Baseball is committed to pro-
2 moting diversity and inclusion through its Copa de
3 la Diversión, MiLB Pride, FIELD Program, and
4 Women in Baseball Leadership initiatives;

5 (6) Minor League Baseball is the first
6 touchpoint of the national pastime for millions of
7 youth and the only touchpoint for those located in
8 communities far from Major League cities;

9 (7) Congress has enacted numerous statutory
10 exemptions and immunities to preserve and sustain
11 a system for Minor League Baseball and its relation-
12 ship with Major League Baseball;

13 (8) an abandonment of 42 Minor League Base-
14 ball clubs by Major League Baseball would devastate
15 communities, bond purchasers, and other stake-
16 holders that rely on the economic stimulus these
17 clubs provide;

18 (9) Minor League Baseball clubs enrich the
19 lives of millions of Americans each year through spe-
20 cial economic, cultural, social, and charitable con-
21 tributions; and

22 (10) preservation of Minor League Baseball in
23 160 communities is in the public interest, as it will
24 continue to provide affordable, family friendly enter-
25 tainment to those communities.

1 **SEC. 2. GAO EVALUATION.**

2 Following consultation with the relevant committees
3 of Congress, the Comptroller General of the United States
4 shall evaluate the social, economic, and historic contribu-
5 tions that Minor League Baseball has made to American
6 life and culture.

