

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
OFFERED BY M__.** _____

In section 90004, after subsection (b) insert the following (and redesignate accordingly):

1 (c) POLITICAL AFFILIATION HIRING QUESTIONS
2 PROHIBITED.—A Federal employee who has authority to
3 take, direct others to take, recommend, or approve any
4 personnel action (as such term is defined in section
5 2302(a) of title 5, United States Code) may not solicit
6 or consider any information regarding the political activity
7 of an applicant for a position in the Federal Government,
8 including information about membership in any political
9 party, with respect to a decision regarding the appoint-
10 ment of such individual to such position.

