Amendment to H.R. 4563 Offered by M_.

Insert after section 139 the following new section:

1SEC. 140. PROHIBITING FIREARMS AT OR NEAR DROP2BOXES.

3 (a) PROHIBITION.—No individual shall be permitted 4 to carry or possess a firearm within 250 yards of a drop 5 box used in an election for Federal office to accept a voted 6 absentee or other mail-in ballot for any such election on 7 any day on which the drop box may be used to cast such 8 a ballot for any such election.

9 (b) EXCEPTION.—Subsection (a) does not apply to an 10 individual who is a law enforcement officer and who is 11 present at a drop box described in subsection (a) in the 12 individual's capacity as a law enforcement officer.

13 (c) CIVIL ENFORCEMENT.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General may
15 bring a civil action in an appropriate district court
16 of the United States against any individual who vio17 lates subsection (a).

18 (2) CIVIL PENALTY.—In a civil action brought19 under paragraph (1), if the court finds that an indi-

vidual violated subsection (a), it may assess a civil
 penalty in an amount not to exceed \$1,000.

3 (d) FIREARM DEFINED.—In this section, the term
4 "firearm" has the meaning given such term in section 921
5 of title 18, United States Code.

6 (e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall apply with
7 respect to any election for Federal office held on or after
8 the date of the enactment of this Act.

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