

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE  
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 5253  
OFFERED BY M r . Donovan**

Add at the end the following:

**1 SEC. 6. SOCIAL MEDIA REVIEW OF VISA APPLICANTS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle C of title IV of the  
3 Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 231 et seq.),  
4 as amended by section 3 of this Act, is further amended  
5 by adding at the end the following new sections:

**6 “SEC. 436. SOCIAL MEDIA SCREENING.**

7 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after  
8 the date of the enactment of this section, the Secretary  
9 shall, to the greatest extent practicable, and in a risk  
10 based manner, review the social media accounts of visa  
11 applicants who are citizens of, or who reside in, high-risk  
12 countries, as determined by the Secretary based on the  
13 criteria described in subsection (b).

14 “(b) HIGH-RISK CRITERIA DESCRIBED.—In deter-  
15 mining whether or not a country is high-risk pursuant to  
16 subsection (a), the Secretary shall consider the following  
17 criteria:

18 “(1) The number of nationals of the country  
19 who were identified in United States Government

1 databases related to the identities of known or sus-  
2 pected terrorists during the previous year.

3 “(2) The level of cooperation of the country  
4 with the counter-terrorism efforts of the United  
5 States.

6 “(3) Any other criteria the Secretary deter-  
7 mines appropriate.

8 “(c) COLLABORATION.—To develop the technology  
9 required to carry out the requirements of subsection (a),  
10 the Secretary shall collaborate with—

11 “(1) the head of a national laboratory within  
12 the Department’s laboratory network with relevant  
13 expertise; and

14 “(2) the head of a relevant university-based  
15 center within the Department’s centers of excellence  
16 network.

17 **“SEC. 437. OPEN SOURCE SCREENING.**

18 “The Secretary shall, to the greatest extent prac-  
19 ticable, and in a risk based manner, review open source  
20 information of visa applicants.”

21 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents  
22 in section 1(b) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002, as  
23 amended by section 3 of this Act, is further amended by  
24 inserting after the item relating to section 435 the fol-  
25 lowing new items:

“Sec. 436. Social media screening.  
“Sec. 437 Open source screening.”.

