

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE  
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 1796  
OFFERED BY MR. GARAMENDI OF CALIFORNIA**

Page 33, after line 20, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 15. GAO REPORT TO CONGRESS ON CHALLENGES**  
2 **UNDER PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ALTERNATIVE**  
3 **PROCEDURES.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Comptroller General of the  
5 United States shall conduct a study on the challenges to  
6 States and Territories of the United States in obtaining  
7 assistance under section 428 of the Robert T. Stafford  
8 Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.  
9 5189f).

10 (b) CONTENTS.—In conducting the study described  
11 in subsection (a), the Comptroller General shall study the  
12 challenges for assistance described in subsection (a) faced  
13 by the following:

14 (1) Rural areas, as such term is defined in sec-  
15 tion 423 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief  
16 and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5189a).

17 (2) Small impoverished communities, as such  
18 term is defined in section 203 of such Act.

1           (3) Other communities, areas, or individuals  
2           that the Comptroller General determines pertinent.

3           (c) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 1 year  
4 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller  
5 General shall submit to Congress a report describing the  
6 results of the study required under subsection (a).

