

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 3496
OFFERED BY MS. KING-HINDS OF NORTHERN
MARIANA ISLANDS**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Northern Mariana Is-
3 lands Small Business Access Act”.

**4 SEC. 2. INCLUSION OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE
5 NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS IN THE
6 MICROLOAN PROGRAM.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 7(m)(7)(B) of the Small
8 Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(m)(7)(B)) is amended—

9 (1) by inserting “, the Commonwealth of the
10 Northern Mariana Islands” after “Guam” each
11 place it appears; and

12 (2) in clause (i)(I)(bb), by striking “¹/₅₅” and
13 inserting “¹/₅₆”.

14 (b) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.—Section
15 7(m)(11)(C)(ii) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
16 636(m)(11)(C)(ii)) is amended by striking “rural” and all

- 1 that follows through the end of the clause and inserting
- 2 “rural; and”.

