

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 3352**  
**OFFERED BY MR. KEATING OF MASSACHUSETTS**

At the end of title III, add the following:

1 **SEC. 318. APPOINTMENT OF EMPLOYEES TO THE GLOBAL**  
2 **ENGAGEMENT CENTER.**

3       The Secretary may appoint, for a three year period  
4 that may be extended for up to an additional two years,  
5 solely to carry out the functions of the Global Engagement  
6 Center, employees of the Department without regard to  
7 the provisions of title 5, United States Code, governing  
8 appointment in the competitive service, and may fix the  
9 basic compensation of such employees without regard to  
10 chapter 51 and subchapter III of chapter 53 of such title.

