

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5300
OFFERED BY MR. SCHNEIDER OF ILLINOIS

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

1 **SEC. ____ . PROTECTING PORT SUDAN AND RED SEA STA-**
2 **BILITY FROM IRANIAN ENTRENCHMENT.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting through the
4 Assistant Secretary for African Affairs and in coordina-
5 tion with the Assistant Secretary for Near Eastern Af-
6 fairs, the Assistant Secretary for Political-Military Affairs,
7 and the Assistant Secretary for Intelligence and Research,
8 shall maintain responsibility for assessing and mitigating
9 the implications of Iranian naval access to ports on the
10 Red Sea, including Port Sudan.

11 (b) RESPONSIBILITIES.—The responsibilities de-
12 scribed in subsection (a) shall also include—

13 (1) evaluating risks to regional stability, mari-
14 time security, and international commerce arising
15 from Iranian naval access or entrenchment along the
16 Red Sea littoral; and

17 (2) coordinating diplomatic, security, and eco-
18 nomic measures with relevant United States depart-
19 ments and agencies and with regional partners and
20 multilateral maritime-security efforts to detect,

1 deter, and disrupt Iranian efforts to obtain or lever-
2 age such access for weapons transfers, intelligence
3 collection, or coercive diplomacy.

4 (c) ASSESSMENTS.—Any assessments maintained
5 pursuant to this section shall be available for review upon
6 request by the appropriate congressional committees.

7 (d) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “Iranian
8 naval access” means port visits, logistics support or re-
9 plenishment, basing or other access arrangements, or in-
10 telligence collection activities by the Islamic Republic of
11 Iran Navy or the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps—
12 Navy, or any agent or affiliate thereof.

13 (e) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
14 tion may be construed—

15 (1) to authorize security assistance or benefits
16 to any Sudanese actor in contravention of applicable
17 sanctions or restrictions;

18 (2) to alter any authority of the Secretary of
19 Defense or any element of the Department of De-
20 fense with respect to maritime security operations;
21 or

22 (3) to create any new reporting requirement to
23 Congress.

