AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 7647
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Page 2, after line 17, insert the following:

(a) CONGRESSIONAL FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

(1) The integrity and legitimacy of the Supreme Court is critical and essential to our democracy.

(2) Democrats argue that the purpose of judicial ethics reforms, such as a Code of Conduct and an overhaul of the recusal statute and recusal process is to enhance the integrity of the Court.

(3) However, judicial ethics reform proposals such as a Code of Conduct for the Court, will not save the Court from the progressives’ campaign to undermine the legitimacy of the Court’s proceedings.

(4) Recusal reform will not save the Court from personal attacks and smear campaigns against conservative justices.

(5) On May 2, 2022, a news outlet reported on and published a copy of a draft opinion in the Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization, a case cur-
rently pending before the Court regarding Missis-
sippi’s pro-life law.

(6) According to one constitutional scholar, the
leak is an “unspeakably unethical act”.

(7) Chief Justice John Roberts commented that
the leak “was a singular and egregious breach” and
“is an affront to the Court and the community of
public servants who work here”.

(8) While the identity of the individual or indi-
viduals who leaked the draft opinion is not known,
the release of the opinion has unleashed fury and
outcry aimed at the Court and the conservative jus-
tices.

(9) Much like recent attempts made by Demo-
crats to delegitimize the Court, the leak of the draft
opinion serves to only undermine the Court’s inde-
pendence and integrity.

(10) Judicial ethics reform colored by partisan
politics also only furthers Democrat attempts to un-
dermine the Court’s integrity.

Page 2, line 18, strike “Section” and insert the fol-
lowing:

(b) Disclosure Standards.—Section
Page 2, strike line 20 and all that follows through page 3, line 2 and insert the following:

“(d)(1) The Counselor, with the approval of the Chief Justice, shall establish rules governing the disclosure of—

“(A) all gifts, travel, and income received by any justice and any law clerk to a justice; and

“(B) all nonpublic Court documents, including draft opinions and other Court documents reflecting the confidential deliberations of the Court by any justice and any law clerk to a justice.

“(2) Such rules shall at minimum require—

“(A) disclosure of any information concerning gifts, travel, and income required to be disclosed under the Standing Rules of the Senate and Rules of the House of Representatives; and

“(B) procedures to address and prevent the unauthorized disclosure of nonpublic Court documents, including draft opinions and other Court documents reflecting the confidential deliberations of the Court.”.