

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE  
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 7647  
OFFERED BY M . \_\_\_\_\_**

Page 2, after line 17, insert the following:

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

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

5           (2) Democrats argue that the purpose of judi-  
6 cial ethics reforms, such as a Code of Conduct and  
7 an overhaul of the recusal statute and recusal proc-  
8 ess is to enhance the integrity of the Court.

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

13           (4) Recusal reform will not save the Court from  
14 personal attacks and smear campaigns against con-  
15 servative justices.

16           (5) On May 2, 2022, a news outlet reported on  
17 and published a copy of a draft opinion in the *Dobbs*  
18 *v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, a case cur-

1           rently pending before the Court regarding Mis-  
2           sissippi’s pro-life law.

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

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

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

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

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

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

21          (b) DISCLOSURE STANDARDS.—Section

Page 2, strike line 20 and all that follows through page 3, line 2 and insert the following:

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

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

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

9           “(2) Such rules shall at minimum require—

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

14                   “(B) procedures to address and prevent the un-  
15 authorized disclosure of nonpublic Court documents,  
16 including draft opinions and other Court documents  
17 reflecting the confidential deliberations of the  
18 Court.”.

