

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE  
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 3494  
OFFERED BY Ms. Ramirez**

After section 2, insert the following (and redesignate  
the subsequent section accordingly):

1   **SEC. 3. PROHIBITION ON CONTRACTS OR AGREEMENTS BE-**  
2                   **TWEEN DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**  
3                   **AND ENTITIES IN WHICH A SPECIAL GOVERN-**  
4                   **MENT EMPLOYEE HAS A FINANCIAL INTER-**  
5                   **EST.**

6           The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may not enter into  
7 any contract or agreement with any entity in which a spe-  
8 cial government employee (as defined in section 202(a) of  
9 title 18, United States Code) has a financial interest.

