

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 4251
OFFERED BY MR. RIGELL OF VIRGINIA**

Add at the end the following:

1 **TITLE _____—MISCELLANEOUS**
2 **PROVISIONS**

3 **SEC. __01. RECOGNITION OF PORT SECURITY ASSESSMENTS**
4 **CONDUCTED BY OTHER ENTITIES.**

5 Section 70108 of title 46, United States Code, is
6 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
7 section:

8 “(f) RECOGNITION OF ASSESSMENT CONDUCTED BY
9 OTHER ENTITIES.—

10 “(1) CERTIFICATION AND TREATMENT OF AS-
11 SESSMENTS.—For the purposes of this section and
12 section 70109, the Secretary may treat an assess-
13 ment conducted by a foreign government or inter-
14 national organization as an assessment by the Sec-
15 retary required by subsection (a), if the Secretary
16 certifies that the assessment was conducted in ac-
17 cordance with subsection (b).

18 “(2) AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO AGREE-
19 MENTS.—The Secretary may enter into agreements

1 with a foreign government or international organiza-
2 tion, under which—

3 “(A) such government or organization
4 may, on behalf of the Secretary, conduct an as-
5 sessment required under subsection (a), or
6 share with the Secretary information pertaining
7 to such assessments; and

8 “(B) the Secretary may, on behalf of such
9 foreign government or organization, conduct an
10 assessment described in subsection (a), or share
11 with such foreign government or organization
12 information pertaining to such assessments.

13 “(3) LIMITATIONS.—Nothing in this sub-
14 section—

15 “(A) requires the Secretary to recognize an
16 assessment that a foreign government or an
17 international organization conducts pursuant to
18 this subsection; or

19 “(B) limits the discretion or ability of the
20 Secretary to conduct an assessment under this
21 section.

22 “(4) NOTIFICATION.—Not later than 30 days
23 before entering into an agreement with a foreign
24 government under paragraph (2), the Secretary shall

- 1 notify the appropriate congressional committees of
- 2 the proposed terms of the agreement.”.

