

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE  
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 3116  
OFFERED BY MR. THOMPSON OF MISSISSIPPI**

Strike section 521 and insert the following:

1 **SEC. 521. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING HOMELAND SE-**  
2 **CURITY GRANT FUNDING.**

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

4 (1) A key factor underpinning gains in pre-  
5 paredness and resilience since the attacks of Sep-  
6 tember 11, 2001, has been the consistent Federal  
7 commitment to building and maintaining collabora-  
8 tion, capabilities, and capacity at the State, local,  
9 and tribal levels.

10 (2) Over the past decade, targeted Federal  
11 homeland security grant programs have helped State  
12 and local governments address the security realities  
13 of a post-9/11 world.

14 (3) Over the past decade, the terrorism threat  
15 has evolved, and recently-thwarted plots by Al  
16 Qaeda, its affiliates, and those inspired by terrorist  
17 ideology underscore the growing complexity and di-  
18 versity of that threat.

1           (4) The Urban Area Security Initiative and  
2 State Homeland Security Grant program have been  
3 utilized to support State and local efforts to thwart  
4 attacks, improve information sharing, and response  
5 capabilities.

6           (5) State and local governments need grant  
7 funding assistance to adhere to the National Pre-  
8 paredness Goal as directed by Presidential Policy  
9 Directive 8, in order to successfully prevent, protect  
10 against, mitigate, respond to, or recover from ter-  
11 rorist attacks and natural disasters.

12       (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-  
13 gress that—

14           (1) the Urban Areas Security Initiative and  
15 State Homeland Security Grant program should be  
16 funded at their fiscal year 2012 authorized levels of  
17 \$1,300,000,000 and \$950,000,000, respectively, not-  
18 withstanding the passage of H.R. 2017 by the  
19 House of Representatives on June 2, 2011; and

20           (2) future appropriations should remain con-  
21 sistent in order to build and sustain necessary capa-  
22 bilities, as outlined by the National Preparedness  
23 Goal.

