AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 2480
OFFERED BY M.S. WILD & MR. THOMPSON

Page 49, line 18, insert before the period at the end the following: "; STUDY AND REPORT ON STATE MANDATORY REPORTING LAWS".

Page 51, line 2, strike the closed quotation marks and second period.

Page 51, after line 2, insert the following:

1 "(d) STUDY AND REPORT ON STATE MANDATORY
2 REPORTING LAWS.—
3 “(1) STUDY.—The Secretary shall collect inform-
4 mation on and otherwise study State laws for mand-
5 atory reporting of incidents of child abuse or ne-
6 glect. Such study shall examine trends in referrals
7 and investigations of child abuse and neglect due to
8 differences in such State laws with respect to the in-
9 clusion, as mandatory reporters, of the following in-
10 dividuals:
11 “(A) Individuals licensed or certified to
12 practice in any health-related field licensed by
13 the State, employees of health care facilities or
providers licensed by the State, who are engaged in the admission, examination, care or treatment of individuals, including mental health and emergency medical service providers.

"(B) Individuals employed by a school who have direct contact with children, including teachers, administrators, and independent contractors.

"(C) Peace officers and law enforcement personnel.

"(D) Clergy, including Christian Science practitioners, except where prohibited on account of clergy-penitent privilege.

"(E) Day care and child care operators and employees.

"(F) Employees of social services agencies who have direct contact with children in the course of employment.

"(G) Foster parents.

"(H) Court appointed special advocates (employees and volunteers).

"(I) Camp and after-school employees.

"(J) An individual, paid or unpaid, who, on the basis of the individual's role as an integral part of a regularly scheduled program, ac-
activity, or service, accepts responsibility for a child.

"(2) REPORT.—Not later than 4 years after the date of enactment of the Stronger Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate and the Committee on Education and Labor of the House of Representatives a report containing the findings of the study required by this subsection, including any best practices related to the inclusion, as mandatory reporters, of individuals described in paragraph (1)."