AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE
OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 2225
OFFERED BY MR. FOSTER OF ILLINOIS

On page 133, after line 10, insert the following (and redesignate subsequent subsections accordingly):

(i) LOW-INCOME SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the National Science Foundation (referred to in this section as the "Director") shall award scholarships to low-income individuals to enable such individuals to pursue associate, undergraduate, or graduate level degrees in mathematics, engineering, or computer science.

(2) ELIGIBILITY.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—To be eligible to receive a scholarship under this section, an individual—

(i) must be a citizen of the United States, a national of the United States (as defined in section 1101(a) of title 8), an alien admitted as a refugee under section 1157 of title 8, or an alien lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence;
(ii) shall prepare and submit to the Director an application at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Director may require; and

(iii) shall certify to the Director that the individual intends to use amounts received under the scholarship to enroll or continue enrollment at an institution of higher education (as defined in section 1001(a) of title 20) in order to pursue an associate, undergraduate, or graduate level degree in mathematics, engineering, computer science, or other technology and science programs designated by the Director.

(B) ABILITY.—Awards of scholarships under this section shall be made by the Director solely on the basis of the ability of the applicant, except that in any case in which 2 or more applicants for scholarships are deemed by the Director to be possessed of substantially equal ability, and there are not sufficient scholarships available to grant one to each of such applicants, the available scholarship or scholarships shall be awarded to the applicants in a
manner that will tend to result in a geographi-
cally wide distribution throughout the United
States of recipients’ places of permanent resi-
dence.

(3) SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT AND RENEWAL.—
The amount of a scholarship awarded under this
section shall be determined by the Director. The Di-
rector may renew scholarships for up to 5 years.

(4) AUTHORIZATION.—Of amounts authorized
for the Directorate for Science and Engineering So-
lutions, $100,000,000 shall be authorized for this
program.