

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE  
TO H.R. 7686 OFFERED BY MR. LUCAS**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

**1 SECTION 1. CLARIFICATION OF DEFINITION OF FOREIGN  
2 COUNTRY FOR PURPOSES OF MALIGN FOR-  
3 EIGN TALENT RECRUITMENT RESTRICTION.**

4 Paragraph (4) of section 10638 of title VI of division  
5 B of the Research and Development, Competition, and In-  
6 novation Act is amended—

7 (1) by inserting “of concern” after “foreign  
8 country” each place such term appears;

9 (2) by striking “means—” and all that follows  
10 through “any program, position, or activity” and in-  
11 serting “means any program, position, or activity”;

12 (3) by striking subparagraph (B);

13 (4) by redesignating clauses (i) through (ix) as  
14 subparagraphs (A) through (I), respectively, and  
15 moving such subparagraphs, as so redesignated, two  
16 ems to the left;

17 (5) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A),  
18 as so redesignated, by striking “directly provided”

1 and inserting “whether directly or indirectly pro-  
2 vided”; and  
3 (6) in subparagraph (I), as so redesignated, by  
4 striking “; and” and inserting a period.

