AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5882, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. ISSA OF CALIFORNIA

At the end of the bill (before the short title), insert the following:

PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF BULK LEGISLATIVE DATA

SEC. ____. (a) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY THROUGH INTERNET.—As soon as practicable, and no later than 120 days after the enactment of this Act, the Librarian of Congress, in consultation with the Director of the Congressional Research Service, the Public Printer, the Clerk of the House of Representatives, and the Secretary of the Senate, shall make available to the public through the Internet the bulk legislative summary and status data used by the Librarian to provide the information the Librarian posts on the THOMAS Web site.

(b) METHOD AND MANNER OF AVAILABILITY.—In making available the bulk legislative data required under subsection (a), the Librarian shall ensure the following:

(1) The data is available in a searchable, sortable, and downloadable manner.

(2) The data available for downloading shall include the text, status, reports, and summary information on legislation.
(3) The data is provided in a structured, non-
proprietary format.

(4) The data is available free of charge.

(5) The data is updated continuously in a time-
ly manner.

(6) The database involved includes the following
supporting information:

(A) A roster showing each Member of Con-
gress (including each Delegate and Resident
Commissioner to the Congress), the Member’s
committee assignments, and the ZIP Codes in-
cluded in each Member’s congressional district.

(B) Such other supporting information as
the Librarian considers appropriate.

(7) The data is provided in a manner consistent
with the standards developed and published under
subsection (c).

(c) DEVELOPMENT OF STANDARDS.—Prior to mak-
ing available the bulk legislative data described in sub-
section (a), the Librarian of Congress, in consultation with
the individuals described in such subsection, shall develop
and publish standards for the downloading and public
availability of the data, and shall update such standards
at such frequency as the Librarian considers appropriate.