

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1249, AS REPORTED  
OFFERED BY MS. WATERS OF CALIFORNIA**

Page 139, insert the following after line 12 and redesignate succeeding sections (and conform the table of contents) accordingly:

1 **SEC. 29. USPTO FAIR INCLUSION STANDARDS IN PROCUREMENT.**  
2 **MENT.**

3 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than the end of the 6-  
4 month period beginning on the date of the enactment of  
5 this Act, the Director shall develop and implement stand-  
6 ards and procedures to ensure, to the maximum extent  
7 possible, the fair inclusion and utilization of minority- and  
8 women-owned businesses in all procurement activities.

9 (b) **DIVERSITY COMPONENT.**—The procedures estab-  
10 lished by the Office for review and evaluation of contract  
11 proposals and for hiring service providers shall include, to  
12 the extent consistent with applicable law, a component  
13 that gives consideration to the diversity of the applicant  
14 and the applicant's good faith efforts to include women  
15 and minorities in its workforce.

16 (c) **RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**—Nothing in this sec-  
17 tion shall be construed as placing any requirement on the

- 1 Director or the Office with respect to the examination of
- 2 applications for, or the issuance of, patents or trademarks.

