

AMENDMENT TO SENATE AMENDMENT TO H.R.

1314

OFFERED BY MR. CÁRDENAS OF CALIFORNIA

Page 124, after line 2, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 204A. RELOCATION ALLOWANCES.**

2 (a) **SUITABLE EMPLOYMENT OBTAINED.**—Section
3 238(a)(2)(D) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C.
4 2298(a)(2)(D)) is amended—

5 (1) in the subparagraph heading, by striking
6 “SUITABLE EMPLOYMENT OBTAINED” and inserting
7 “OTHER CONDITIONS”;

8 (2) in clause (i), by striking “or” at the end;

9 (3) in clause (ii), by striking the period and in-
10 serting “; or”; and

11 (4) by adding at the end the following:

12 “(iii) is currently unemployed and
13 wishes to relocate to an area that has an
14 unemployment rate that is at least 2 per-
15 centage points less than the unemployment
16 rate of the area of the individual’s initial
17 residence.”.

1 (b) AMOUNT OF ALLOWANCE.—Section 238 of the
2 Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2298) is amended by strik-
3 ing subsection (b) and inserting the following:

4 “(b) AMOUNT OF ALLOWANCE.—Any relocation al-
5 lowance granted to worker under subsection (a) shall be
6 equal to the lesser of \$10,000 or the amount that any con-
7 tribution by a potential employer of the worker to the
8 worker’s relocation expenses is exceeded by the sum of—

9 (1) 90 percent of the reasonable and necessary
10 expenses incurred in transporting the worker, the
11 worker’s family, and household effects, plus

12 (2) a lump sum equivalent to 3 times the
13 worker’s average weekly wage for the worker’s most-
14 recent employment with respect to which the worker
15 was separated and is applying for the relocation al-
16 lowance, up to a maximum payment of \$1,250.”.

17 (c) REPORTS.—Section 238 of the Trade Act of 1974
18 (19 U.S.C. 2298) is amended by adding at the end the
19 following:

20 “(d) REPORTS.—Not later than March 15 of each of
21 calendar years 2016 and 2018, the Secretary of Labor
22 shall submit a report to Congress that identifies, by geo-
23 graphic region—

1 “(1) the total number of relocation allowances
2 granted to individuals under this section during the
3 calendar year preceding each such calendar year;

4 “(2) the average amount of a relocation allow-
5 ance granted during such calendar year;

6 “(3) the average distance traveled for relocation
7 by each individual receiving a relocation allowance
8 during such calendar year; and

9 “(4) the number of individuals who received a
10 relocation allowance under this section during such
11 calendar year and subsequently applied for unem-
12 ployment benefits.”.

