

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. CRAWFORD OF ARKANSAS

Page 635, after line 7, insert the following new section:

1 SEC. 11608. ESTABLISHMENT OF FOOD ACCESS LIAISON.

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle A of the Department of
3 Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 (7 U.S.C. 6901
4 et seq.), as amended by sections 11204 and 11607, is fur-
5 ther amended by adding at the end the following:

6 “SEC. 223. FOOD ACCESS LIAISON.

7 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall estab-
8 lish the position of Food Access Liaison to coordinate De-
9 partment programs to reduce barriers to food access and
10 monitor and evaluate the progress of such programs in
11 accordance with this section.

12 “(b) DUTIES.—The Food Access Liaison shall—

13 “(1) coordinate the efforts of the Department,
14 including regional offices, to experiment and con-
15 sider programs and policies aimed at reducing bar-
16 riers to food access for consumers, including but not
17 limited to participants in nutrition assistance pro-
18 grams;

1 “(2) provide outreach to entities engaged in ac-
2 tivities to reduce barriers to food access in accord-
3 ance with the statutory authorization for each pro-
4 gram;

5 “(3) provide outreach to entities engaged in ac-
6 tivities to reduce barriers to food access, including
7 retailers, markets, producers, and others involved in
8 food production and distribution, with respect to the
9 availability of, and eligibility for, Department pro-
10 grams;

11 “(4) raise awareness of food access issues in
12 interactions with employees of the Department;

13 “(5) make recommendations to the Secretary
14 with respect to efforts to reduce of barriers to food
15 access; and

16 “(6) submit to Congress an annual report with
17 respect to the efforts of the Department to reduce
18 barriers to food access.”.

19 (b) **TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.**—The Secretary shall
20 provide technical assistance to entities that are partici-
21 pants, or seek to participate, in Department of Agriculture
22 programs related to reduction of barriers to food access.

