

**AMENDMENT TO
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OFFERED BY MR. CURTIS OF UTAH**

At the end of subtitle F of title X, add the following:

1 **SEC. ____ . ASSESSMENT OF UNDERSEA CABLE REPAIR**
2 **CONTINGENCIES.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
4 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of De-
5 fense, in coordination with the Federal Communications
6 Commission and other relevant agencies, shall submit to
7 Congress an assessment on the ability and preparedness
8 of the USNS Zeus and the Cable Security Fleet to repair
9 transoceanic submarine fiber optic cables that may be
10 damaged or cut by adversaries.

11 (b) CONTENTS.—The assessment under subsection
12 (a) shall include—

13 (1) a description of preparedness to address a
14 situation in which the cables of partner nations in
15 both the Pacific and Atlantic ocean are damaged or
16 severed at or around the same time;

17 (2) a determination as to how long it would
18 take for the Cable Security Fleet in coordination
19 with partner nations to repair such cables; and

1 (3) the options available to provide connectivity
2 in an emergency or crisis caused by or related to the
3 damaging or severing of such cables.

