Amendment to H.R. 1 Offered by M .

Page 264, insert after line 20 the following (and redesignate the succeeding section accordingly):

1 SEC. 1933. ACCESS FOR CONGRESSIONAL ELECTION OB 2 SERVERS.

3 (a) REQUIRING STATES TO PROVIDE ACCESS.—Title
4 IX of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (52 U.S.C.
5 21141 et seq.), as amended by section 1932(a), is amend6 ed adding at the end the following new section:

7 "SEC. 908. ACCESS FOR CONGRESSIONAL ELECTION OB-8 SERVERS.

9 "(a) Requiring States to Provide Access.— 10 Subject to subsection (b), a State shall provide each indi-11 vidual who is a designated Congressional election observer 12 for an election with access to observe all of the elements of the election administration procedures in all areas of 13 14 polling places and other facilities where ballots in the election are processed and tabulated. no congressional ob-15 16 server may handle ballots, elections equipment (voting or non-voting), advocate for a position or candidate, or other-17 wise interfere with the elections administration process. 18

19 "(b) RESTRICTIONS.—

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"(1) LIMITATIONS ON EXTENT OF ACCESS.—A
 State may prohibit an individual who is a designated
 Congressional election observer from handling ballots
 or election equipment (whether voting equipment or
 non-voting equipment) or otherwise interfering with
 the elections administration process.

7 "(2) Elimination of access for observers 8 ADVOCATING FOR CANDIDATES.—A State may 9 refuse to provide an individual who is a designated 10 Congressional election observer with access under 11 subsection (a) if the individual engages in advocacy 12 for a candidate while observing election administra-13 tion procedures under such subsection.

14 "(c) ENFORCEMENT.—For purposes of title IV, the
15 requirements of this section shall be considered a require16 ment under subtitle A of title III.

17 "(d) DESIGNATED CONGRESSIONAL ELECTION OB-18 SERVER DESCRIBED.—In this section, a 'designated Con-19 gressional election observer' is, with respect to an election, 20 an individual who is designated by a committee of the 21 House of Representatives to gather information with re-22 spect to the election in the event that the election is con-23 tested in the House of Representatives.". (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
 of title IX of such Act, as amended by section 1932(b),
 is amended by adding at the end the following new item:

"Sec.	908.	Access	for	Congressional	election	observers.	".
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