

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE  
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 8393  
OFFERED BY MR. HICE OF GEORGIA**

At the end of title I, add the following:

1 **SEC. \_\_\_\_ . RETENTION OF ASSETS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF**  
2 **DEFENSE.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-  
4 sion of this title, the property, rights, and interests of the  
5 United States in any national security infrastructure or  
6 assets in Puerto Rico that are under the management,  
7 control, or operation of the Department of Defense as of  
8 the day before the date of the enactment of this Act may  
9 not be transferred to the independent nation of Puerto  
10 Rico, including the following:

- 11 (1) Fort Buchanan.
- 12 (2) Camp Santiago Army Base.
- 13 (3) Fort Allen Army Base.
- 14 (4) Coast Guard Air Station Borinquen.
- 15 (5) Coast Guard Station San Juan.
- 16 (6) Any other asset the Secretary of Defense or  
17 the Secretary of Homeland Security determines crit-  
18 ical to the national security of the United States as  
19 of such date of enactment.

1 (b) AUTHORITY FOR CLOSURE.—Notwithstanding  
2 the requirements under subsection (a), the Secretary of  
3 Defense is authorized to close or transition control over  
4 any military or national security asset of the United States  
5 that the Secretary determines to be unnecessary to main-  
6 tain after the proclamation of independence of Puerto  
7 Rico.

