

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5882, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. ISSA OF CALIFORNIA

At the end of the bill (before the short title), insert the following:

1 PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF BULK LEGISLATIVE DATA

2 SEC. _____. (a) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY THROUGH
3 INTERNET.—As soon as practicable, and no later than
4 120 days after the enactment of this Act, the Librarian
5 of Congress, in consultation with the Director of the Con-
6 gressional Research Service, the Public Printer, the Clerk
7 of the House of Representatives, and the Secretary of the
8 Senate, shall make available to the public through the
9 Internet the bulk legislative summary and status data
10 used by the Librarian to provide the information the Li-
11 brarian posts on the THOMAS Web site.

12 (b) METHOD AND MANNER OF AVAILABILITY.—In
13 making available the bulk legislative data required under
14 subsection (a), the Librarian shall ensure the following:

15 (1) The data is available in a searchable, sort-
16 able, and downloadable manner.

17 (2) The data available for downloading shall in-
18 clude the text, status, reports, and summary infor-
19 mation on legislation.

1 (3) The data is provided in a structured, non-
2 proprietary format.

3 (4) The data is available free of charge.

4 (5) The data is updated continuously in a time-
5 ly manner.

6 (6) The database involved includes the following
7 supporting information:

8 (A) A roster showing each Member of Con-
9 gress (including each Delegate and Resident
10 Commissioner to the Congress), the Member's
11 committee assignments, and the ZIP Codes in-
12 cluded in each Member's congressional district.

13 (B) Such other supporting information as
14 the Librarian considers appropriate.

15 (7) The data is provided in a manner consistent
16 with the standards developed and published under
17 subsection (c).

18 (c) DEVELOPMENT OF STANDARDS.—Prior to mak-
19 ing available the bulk legislative data described in sub-
20 section (a), the Librarian of Congress, in consultation with
21 the individuals described in such subsection, shall develop
22 and publish standards for the downloading and public
23 availability of the data, and shall update such standards
24 at such frequency as the Librarian considers appropriate.

