

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2988, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MS. JACKSON LEE OF TEXAS**

Add at the end the following:

1 **SEC. 7. INSPECTOR GENERAL WHISTLEBLOWER INFORMA-**
2 **TION COLLECTION SYSTEMS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the
4 date of enactment of this Act, the Inspector General of
5 each Federal agency and each designated Federal entity
6 (as those terms are defined in sections 12(5) and 8G, re-
7 spectively, of the Inspector General Act of 1978) shall es-
8 tablish and thereafter maintain a mechanism for the in-
9 spector general to receive anonymous whistleblower infor-
10 mation (including fraud, waste, and abuse).

11 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—

12 (1) ANONYMITY.—Any whistleblower mecha-
13 nism established under subsection (a) by an inspec-
14 tor general shall maintain total anonymity for any
15 individual who submits information through such
16 mechanism.

17 (2) ACCEPTABLE SYSTEMS.—In order to main-
18 tain anonymity, any such mechanism may not in-
19 clude the use of any computer or telephone systems
20 in collecting such information, but may include the

1 use of the United States mail, physical receptacles
2 for receiving information, or any other system that
3 can assure anonymity.

4 (3) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this
5 section shall be construed to limit or otherwise pro-
6 hibit an inspector general from using computer or
7 telephone systems when carrying out any other pro-
8 gram, project, or activity not authorized by this sec-
9 tion.

