AMENDMENT TO H.R. 7900
OFFERED BY MR. PHILLIPS OF MINNESOTA

At the appropriate place in division E, insert the following:

SEC. ___. AUTHORIZATIONS RELATING TO VETERINARY CARE OVERSEAS.

(a) DEPARTMENT OF STATE.—The Secretary of State, in consultation with the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, is authorized, in order to facilitate the importation to the United States, of domestic animals by officers and employees of the United States Government, and their dependents, under the authority of any Chief of Mission from a country classified by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as high risk for dog rabies—

(1) to enter into contracts with individuals who are licensed in the United States for the provision of personal services (as described in section 104 of part 37 of title 48, Code of Federal Regulations and including pursuant to section 904 of the Foreign Service Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 4084)) to provide veterinary care overseas for domestic animals of
such officers, employees, and dependents, except

that—

(A) such individuals may not be deemed

officers or employees of the United States for

the purpose of any law administered by the Of-

fice of Personnel Management; and

(B) such individuals shall be expected to be

available to travel to any overseas post as nec-

essary to provide veterinary care and shall not

be hired for or detailed exclusively to any spe-

cific overseas post; and

(2) to take such steps as may be necessary to

provide medical services or related support with re-

spect to the domestic animals of such officers, em-

ployees, and dependents, including in particular the

purchase, procurement, delivery, and administration

of rabies vaccines licensed by the Secretary of Agri-

culture, on a reimbursable basis to the extent fea-

sible, except that such reimbursement may not ex-

ceed the amount that would be charged for equiva-

lent veterinarian services if received in the United

States.

(b) USE OF EXISTING MECHANISMS.—To the max-

imum extent practicable, the Secretary of State shall use

existing mechanisms, including for the purchase, procure-
ment, delivery, and administration of COVID–19 vaccines
to officers and employees of the United States Govern-
ment and their dependents under the authority of any
Chief of Mission abroad, to carry out the authorities pro-
vided by subsection (a), especially with respect to the pur-
chase, procurement, delivery, and administration of rabies
vaccines licensed by the Secretary of Agriculture.

(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

(1) the term “domestic animal” means a dog or
a cat; and

(2) the term “officers and employees of the
United States Government” includes volunteers in
the Peace Corps.