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AMENDMENT TO H.R. _____

OFFERED BY MR. MEEKS OF NEW YORK

§ Mr. Burton
of
Indiana

At the end of title VIII, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 8 ____ . RELATIONS WITH RUSSIA.**

2 It shall be the policy of the United States to—

3 (1) strengthen bilateral relations with Russia,
4 in the interest of improving global security and the
5 prosperity of United States business and commercial
6 entities;

7 (2) encourage Russian development of rules to
8 govern a wide range of issues from services regula-
9 tion to foreign investment to intellectual property
10 rights that will improve the trade and investment cli-
11 mate and assure reliable partners to United States
12 potential investors, entrepreneurs, and exporters,
13 under the conviction that a rules-based system of
14 competition protects United States interests and
15 builds trust between countries and peoples;

16 (3) continue to collaborate with the Russian
17 Government and civil society to strengthen democ-
18 racy and human rights, combat corruption, deepen
19 the rule of law, and liberalize banking, finance, and
20 other services, which are initiatives that improve the

1 lives and livelihoods of Russians, the transparency of
2 their institutions, and the confidence of their part-
3 ners; and

4 (4) continue to collaborate with Russia to re-
5 solve international conflicts and to combat terrorism,
6 proliferation of nuclear weapons and other weapons
7 of mass destruction, and environmental degradation
8 that threaten the global economy and security.

