

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 3838
OFFERED BY MS. JACOBS OF CALIFORNIA

At the appropriate place in title X, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 10 ____ . REQUIREMENT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS OFFICE IN**
2 **EACH OF THE GEOGRAPHIC COMBATANT**
3 **COMMANDS.**

4 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—By not later than one year
5 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
6 of Defense shall ensure that within each of the United
7 States geographic combatant commands there is a Human
8 Rights Office. The purpose of each such office shall be
9 to—

10 (1) advise the commander of the combatant
11 command on the promotion of human rights and
12 protection of civilians; and

13 (2) undertake activities to integrate such pro-
14 motion and protection into command strategy.

15 (b) RESPONSIBILITIES.—Each Human Rights Office
16 within a combatant command shall carry out each of the
17 following responsibilities:

1 (1) Administering the human rights policy of
2 the command to ensure respect and protection of
3 fundamental human rights.

4 (2) Serving as the liaison of the command with
5 representatives of the human rights community.

6 (3) Overseeing the implementation of, and com-
7 pliance with, the Combating Trafficking in Persons
8 policy of the Department of Defense.

9 (4) Other activities related to human rights as
10 the Secretary of Defense determines appropriate.

11 (c) RESOURCES.—The Secretary may carry out the
12 requirements of this section using existing billeting and
13 resources.

14 (d) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
15 of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter for
16 each of the following three years, the Secretary of Defense
17 shall submit to the congressional defense committees, and
18 make publicly available on an appropriate website of the
19 Department, a report on the status of the implementation
20 of this section and activities of each Human Rights Office
21 required under subsection (a).

