

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8800
OFFERED BY MR. GOLDEN OF MAINE

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

1 **SEC. 3 ____ . REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO WEARING OP-**
2 **TIONAL COMBAT BOOTS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than two years after the
4 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
5 shall issue regulations to prohibit any member of a covered
6 Armed Force from wearing optional combat boots as part
7 of a required uniform unless the optional combat boots
8 are entirely manufactured in the United States and en-
9 tirely made of—

10 (1) materials grown, reprocessed, reused, or
11 produced in the United States; and

12 (2) components that are manufactured entirely
13 in the United States and entirely made of materials
14 described in paragraph (1).

15 (b) WAIVER.—The requirements of subsection (a)
16 may be waived if a member of a covered Armed Force
17 provides a medical justification authorized by the com-
18 manding officer of such member to wear optional combat
19 boots as part of a required uniform.

1 (c) EXCEPTION.—The requirements of subsection (a)
2 shall not apply to a member of a covered Armed Force
3 within a combat arms military occupational specialty who
4 is in a deployed status.

5 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

6 (1) The term “covered Armed Force” means
7 the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or Space
8 Force.

9 (2) The term “optional combat boots”, with re-
10 spect to a member of a covered Armed Force, means
11 combat boots not furnished to such member of a
12 covered Armed Forces by the Secretary of Defense.

13 (3) The term “required uniform” means a uni-
14 form a member of a covered Armed Force is re-
15 quired to wear as a member of a covered Armed
16 Force.

