

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1960
OFFERED BY MR. FORBES OF VIRGINIA

At the end of subtitle E of title XII add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 12__ . SENSE OF CONGRESS ON MILITARY CAPABILI-**
2 **TIES OF THE PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.**

3 Congress—

4 (1) notes the People’s Republic of China (PRC)
5 continues to rapidly modernize and expand its mili-
6 tary capabilities across the land, sea, air, space, and
7 cyberspace domains;

8 (2) is concerned by the rate and scope of PRC
9 military developments, including its military-focused
10 cyber espionage, which indicate a desire to constrain
11 or prevent the peaceful activities of the United
12 States and its allies in the Western Pacific;

13 (3) concurs with Admiral Samuel Locklear,
14 commander of U.S. Pacific Command, that “China’s
15 rapid development of advanced military capabilities,
16 combined with its unclear intentions, certainly raises
17 strategic and security concerns for the U.S and the
18 region”;

1 (4) notes the United States remains committed
2 to a robust forward military-presence in the Asia-
3 Pacific and will continue to vigorously support mu-
4 tual defense arrangements with treaty allies while
5 also building deeper relationships with other stra-
6 tegic partners in the region; and

7 (5) urges the Government of the PRC to work
8 peacefully to resolve existing territorial disputes and
9 to adopt a maritime code of conduct with relevant
10 parties to guide all forms of maritime interaction
11 and communications in the Asia-Pacific.

