

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5959, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. BLUNT OF MISSOURI**

At the end of subtitle A of title V, add the following
new section:

1 **SEC. 506. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING COLOMBIAN**
2 **PARAMILITARY ORGANIZATIONS.**

3 It is the sense of Congress that—

4 (1) the permanent defeat of the Revolutionary
5 Armed Forces of Columbia (FARC), United Self-De-
6 fense Forces of Colombia (AUC), National Libera-
7 tion Army (ELN), and other Colombian paramilitary
8 organizations is in the national interest of the
9 United States;

10 (2) the Colombian operation that liberated
11 Americans Keith Stansell, Marc Gonsalves, and
12 Thomas Howes and Ingrid Betancourt and 11 other
13 Colombian hostages from the FARC on July 2,
14 2008, demonstrated the professionalism of Colom-
15 bian security forces and intelligence operatives;

16 (3) intelligence and other cooperation by the
17 United States has played a key role in developing
18 and reinforcing the capabilities of the Government of

1 Colombia to address terrorist and narcoterrorist
2 threats;

3 (4) intelligence and other cooperation by the
4 United States has significantly contributed to the
5 continued success of the Government of Colombia in
6 impacting the capabilities of terrorist and
7 narcoterrorist groups that have threatened the na-
8 tional security of Colombia and the United States;
9 and

10 (5) it is critical that such assistance continue in
11 order to support the Government of Colombia in its
12 efforts to continue to capitalize on those successes.

