

10 AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY

REPRESENTATIVE BAIRD OF

WASHINGTON, OR HIS DESIGNEE,

DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES.

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**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 3550, AS REPORTED  
OFFERED BY MR. BAIRD**

Title I, at the end of subtitle H add the following:

1 **SEC. 1819. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

2 It is the sense of Congress that—

3 (1) the Buy America test required by Public  
4 Law 97-424 needs to be applied to an entire bridge  
5 project and not only to component parts of such  
6 project;

7 (2) the law clearly states that domestic mate-  
8 rials must be used in Federal highway projects un-  
9 less there is a finding that the inclusion of domestic  
10 materials will increase the cost of the overall project  
11 by more than 25 percent;

12 (3) uncertainty regarding how to apply Buy  
13 America laws for major bridge projects threatens the  
14 domestic bridge industry;

15 (4) the Nation's unemployment rate continues  
16 to hover around 5.6 percent, steps are needed to  
17 protect American workers and the domestic bridge  
18 building industry; and

19 (5) the Buy America Act was designed to en-  
20 sure that, when taxpayer money is spent on direct



- 1 Federal Government procurement and infrastructure
- 2 projects, these expenditures stimulate United States
- 3 production and job creation.

