

**SECOND-DEGREE AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE FOR
THOMPSON FINANCIAL FLEXIBILITY AMENDMENT # 21.**

Strike line 2 on page 1 of the amendment through the end of the amendment, and insert the following:

SEC. 195. TRANSITION PLAN.

(a) **IN GENERAL.** — Not later than September 15, 2002, the President shall submit to Congress a transition plan as set forth in subsection (b).

(b) **CONTENTS.** (1) The transition plan under subsection (a) shall include a detailed

(A) plan for the transition to the Department and implementation of this Act, and

(B) proposal for the financing of those operations and needs of the Department that do not represent solely the continuation of functions for which appropriations already are available.

(2) The financing proposal under paragraph (1)(B) might consist of any combination of specific appropriations transfers, specific reprogrammings, and new specific appropriations as the President considers advisable.