

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 3867, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. WELCH OF VERMONT**

Title IV, add at the end the following (and amend the table of contents accordingly):

1 **SEC. ____ . STUDY ON EFFECTIVENESS OF HUBZONE PRO-**
2 **GRAM IN REACHING RURAL AREAS.**

3 The Administrator of the Small Business Administra-
4 tion shall carry out a study on the effectiveness of the
5 HUBZone program in reaching rural areas to determine
6 whether there are needy areas that do not qualify under
7 the program and whether there are areas that currently
8 qualify under the program that are inconsistent with the
9 program's original intent. Not later than 6 months after
10 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Administrator
11 shall submit to Congress a report containing the results
12 of the study and any recommendations that the Adminis-
13 trator considers appropriate for alternative ways to evalu-
14 ate eligibility for HUBZones in rural areas.