

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2419**  
**OFFERED BY MR. CARDOZA OF CALIFORNIA**

At the appropriate place in the horticulture and organic agriculture title, insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. \_\_\_\_ . INDEPENDENT EVALUATION OF DEPARTMENT**  
2 **OF AGRICULTURE COMMODITY PURCHASE**  
3 **PROCESS.**

4 (a) **EVALUATION REQUIRED.**—The Secretary of Agri-  
5 culture shall arrange to have performed an independent  
6 evaluation of the commodity purchasing processes (and  
7 the statutory and regulatory authority underlying such  
8 processes) used by the Department of Agriculture to re-  
9 move surplus commodities from the market and support  
10 commodity prices and producer incomes, especially with  
11 regard to activities under section 32 of the Act of August  
12 24, 1935 (7 U.S.C. 612c) and the importance of increas-  
13 ing purchases of specialty crops.

14 (b) **SUBMISSION OF RESULTS.**—Not later than one  
15 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
16 retary of Agriculture shall submit to Congress a report  
17 on the results of the evaluation.