

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 2741
OFFERED BY MR. WEBSTER OF FLORIDA**

Page 46, after line 24, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 337. REPORT ON ESTABLISHMENT OF AN UNMANNED**
2 **SYSTEMS CAPABILITIES OFFICE.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the
4 date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall sub-
5 mit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Trans-
6 portation of the Senate and the Committee on Transpor-
7 tation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives
8 a report that outlines a plan for establishing an unmanned
9 systems capabilities office within the Coast Guard respon-
10 sible for the acquisition and development of unmanned
11 system and counter-unmanned system technologies and to
12 expand the capabilities of the Coast Guard with respect
13 to such technologies

14 (b) CONTENTS.—The report required under sub-
15 section (a) shall include the following:

16 (1) A management strategy for the acquisition,
17 development, and deployment of unmanned system
18 and counter-unmanned system technologies.

1 (2) A service-wide coordination strategy to syn-
2 chronize and integrate efforts across the Coast
3 Guard in order to—

4 (A) support the primary duties of the
5 Coast Guard pursuant to section 102 of title
6 14, United States Code; and

7 (B) pursue expanded research, develop-
8 ment, testing, and evaluation opportunities and
9 funding to expand and accelerate identification
10 and transition of unmanned system and
11 counter-unmanned system technologies.

12 (3) The identification of contracting and acqui-
13 sition authorities needed to expedite the development
14 and deployment of unmanned system and counter-
15 unmanned system technologies.

16 (4) A detailed list of commercially available un-
17 manned system and counter-unmanned system tech-
18 nologies with capabilities determined to be useful for
19 the Coast Guard.

20 (5) A cross-agency collaboration plan to engage
21 with the Department of Homeland Security, the De-
22 partment of Defense, and other relevant agencies to
23 identify common requirements and opportunities to
24 partner in acquiring, contracting, and sustaining un-

1 manned system and counter-unmanned system capa-
2 bilities.

3 (6) Opportunities to obtain and share un-
4 manned system data from government and commer-
5 cial sources to improve maritime domain awareness.

6 (7) The development of a concept of operations
7 for a data ecosystem that supports and integrates
8 unmanned system and counter-unmanned system
9 technologies with key enablers, including enterprise
10 communications networks, data storage and manage-
11 ment, artificial intelligence and machine learning
12 tools, and information sharing and dissemination ca-
13 pabilities.

14 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

15 (1) COUNTER-UNMANNED SYSTEM.—The term
16 “counter-unmanned system” means a system or de-
17 vice capable of lawfully and safely disabling, dis-
18 rupting, or seizing control of an unmanned system,
19 including a counter-UAS system (as defined in sec-
20 tion 44801 of title 49, United States Code).

21 (2) UNMANNED SYSTEM.—The term “un-
22 manned system” means an unmanned surface, un-
23 dersea, or aircraft and associated elements (includ-
24 ing communication links and the components that
25 control the unmanned system) that are required for

1 the operator to operate the system safely and effi-
2 ciently, including an unmanned aircraft system (as
3 defined in section 44801 of title 49, United States
4 Code).

