

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2095, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MRS. NAPOLITANO OF CALIFORNIA

At the end of title VI, add the following new section
(and amend the table of contents accordingly):

1 **SEC. 617. SAFETY INSPECTIONS IN MEXICO.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Mechanical and brake inspections
3 of rail cars performed in Mexico shall not be treated as
4 satisfying United States rail safety laws or regulations un-
5 less the Secretary of Transportation certifies that—

6 (1) such inspections are being performed under
7 regulations and standards equivalent to those appli-
8 cable in the United States, including comparable en-
9 forcement procedures;

10 (2) the Mexican counterparts to the Federal
11 Railroad Safety Administration are effectively en-
12 forcing such standards;

13 (3) the inspections are being performed by em-
14 ployees receiving comparable classroom and on the
15 job training as is the norm in the United States;

16 (4) inspection records are maintained in both
17 English and Spanish, and such records are available
18 to the Federal Railroad Safety Administration for
19 review; and

1 (5) the Federal Railroad Safety Administration
2 is permitted to perform onsite inspections for the
3 purpose of ensuring compliance with the require-
4 ments of this subsection.

5 (b) HAZARDOUS MATERIAL INSPECTIONS.—Notwith-
6 standing subsection (a), no hazardous material inspections
7 performed in Mexico shall be treated as having satisfied
8 the applicable United States rail safety laws and regula-
9 tions.