

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1851, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. KING OF IOWA

Page 107, after line 2, insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. 18. LIMITATION ON AUTHORITY TO REQUIRE DOCU-**
2 **MENTS IN LANGUAGES OTHER THAN**
3 **ENGLISH.**

4 (a) **LIMITATION.**—Notwithstanding any other provi-
5 sion of law, executive order, or regulation, in carrying out
6 the program for tenant-based rental assistance under sec-
7 tion 8(o) of the United States Housing Act of 1937, the
8 Secretary of Housing and Urban Development—

9 (1) may not produce or provide, require or
10 allow the use or submission of, or accept, any appli-
11 cation for assistance under such program in any lan-
12 guage other than English; and

13 (2) shall prohibit public housing agencies ad-
14 ministering the provision of such rental assistance
15 from producing or providing, requiring or allowing
16 the use or submission of, or accepting, any applica-
17 tion for assistance under such program in any lan-
18 guage other than English.

1 (b) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sub-
2 section shall be construed—

3 (1) to prohibit a Member of Congress or any of-
4 ficer or agent of the Federal Government, while per-
5 forming official functions, from communicating unof-
6 ficially through any medium with another person in
7 a language other than English (as long as the func-
8 tions required under subsection (a) to be performed
9 in English are so performed);

10 (2) to limit the preservation or use of Native
11 Alaskan or Native American languages (as defined
12 in the Native American Languages Act);

13 (3) to disparage any language or to discourage
14 any person from learning or using a language; or

15 (4) to be inconsistent with the Constitution of
16 the United States.