

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2410, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. ISRAEL OF NEW YORK

At the appropriate place in the bill, insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. ____ . MICROENTERPRISE ASSISTANCE FOR RENEW-**
2 **ABLE ENERGY PROJECTS IN DEVELOPING**
3 **COUNTRIES.**

4 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The President, acting through the
5 Administrator of the United States Agency for Inter-
6 national Development and in consultation with the Sec-
7 retary of State and the Secretary of Energy, is authorized
8 to provide assistance for renewable energy projects de-
9 scribed in subsection (b) in developing countries to in-
10 crease the availability of credit, savings, and other services
11 to microfinance and microenterprise clients lacking full ac-
12 cess to capital, training, technical assistance, and business
13 development services.

14 (b) **TYPES OF PROJECTS.**—The renewable energy
15 projects described in this subsection include projects to as-
16 sist small and micro businesses that loan or sell solar lan-
17 terns or lamps and other solar energy technologies.

1 (c) PRIORITY.—In providing assistance under sub-
2 section (a), the President shall give priority to empowering
3 female-owned businesses in developing countries.

4 (d) RELATION TO EXISTING AUTHORITIES.—Assist-
5 ance provided under subsection (a) shall be made available
6 under the authorities of section 252 of the Foreign Assist-
7 ance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2211a).

8 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
9 authorized to be appropriated to the President to carry
10 out this section \$10,000,000 for fiscal year 2010.

