

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1501
OFFERED BY MRS. EMERSON OF MISSOURI

Add at the end the following:

1 **SEC. ____.** **SENSE OF THE CONGRESS WITH REGARD TO VIO-**
2 **LENCE AND THE ENTERTAINMENT INDUS-**
3 **TRY.**

4 (a) **FINDINGS.**—Congress makes the following find-
5 ings:

6 (1) Incidents of tragic school violence have risen
7 over the past few years.

8 (2) Our children are being desensitized by the
9 increase of gun violence shown on television, movies,
10 and video games.

11 (3) According to the American Medical Associa-
12 tion, by the time an average child reaches age 18,
13 he or she has witnessed more than 200,000 acts of
14 violence on television, including 16,000 murders.

15 (4) Children who listen to explicit music lyrics,
16 play video “killing” games, or go to violent action
17 movies get further brainwashed into thinking that
18 violence is socially acceptable and without con-
19 sequence.

1 (5) No industry does more to glorify gun vio-
2 lence than some elements of the motion picture in-
3 dustry.

4 (6) Children are particularly susceptible to the
5 influence of violent subject matter.

6 (7) The entertainment industry uses wanton vi-
7 olence in its advertising campaigns directed at young
8 people.

9 (8) Alternatives should be developed and con-
10 sidered to discourage the exposure of children to vio-
11 lent subject matter.

12 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of the
13 Congress that the entertainment industry—

14 (1) has been irresponsible in the development of
15 its products and the marketing of those products to
16 America's youth;

17 (2) must recognize the power and influence it
18 has over the behavior of our Nation's youth; and

19 (3) must do everything in its power to stop
20 these portrayals of pointless acts of brutality by im-
21 mediately eliminating gratuitous violence in movies,
22 television, music, and video games.