

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2415
OFFERED BY MR. ENGEL OF NEW YORK

Page 84, after line 16, add the following (and conform the table of contents accordingly):

1 **SEC. 703. KOSOVAR ALBANIAN PRISONERS HELD IN SER-**
2 **BIA.**

3 (a) FINDINGS.—The Congress makes the following
4 findings:

5 (1) At the conclusion of the NATO campaign to
6 halt the Serbian and Yugoslav ethnic cleansing in
7 Kosova, a large, but undetermined number of
8 Kosovar Albanians held in Serbian prisons in
9 Kosova were taken from Kosova before and during
10 the withdrawal of Serbian and Yugoslav police and
11 military forces from Kosova.

12 (2) Serbian Justice Minister Dragoljub
13 Jankovic has admitted that 1,860 prisoners were
14 brought to Serbia from Kosova on June 10, 1999,
15 the day Serbian and Yugoslav police and military
16 forces began their withdrawal from Kosova.

17 (3) International humanitarian organizations,
18 including the International Committee of the Red
19 Cross (ICRC) and Human Rights Watch, have ex-

1 pressed serious concern with the detention of
2 Kosovar Albanians in prisons in Serbia.

3 (4) On June 25, 1999, Serbia released 166 of
4 the detained Kosovar Albanian prisoners to the
5 ICRC.

6 (5) On July 10, 1999, the Parliamentary As-
7 sembly of the Organization for Security and Co-
8 operation in Europe, comprised of parliamentarians
9 from across Europe, the United States and Canada,
10 adopted a resolution calling upon Serbia and Yugo-
11 slavia, in accordance with international humani-
12 tarian law, to grant full, immediate and ongoing
13 ICRC access to all prisoners held in relation to the
14 Kosova crisis, to ensure the humane treatment of
15 such prisoners, and to arrange for the release of all
16 such prisoners.

17 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of the
18 Congress that—

19 (1) the Serbian and Yugoslav Governments
20 should immediately account for all Kosovar Alba-
21 nians held in their prisons and treat them in accord-
22 ance with all applicable international standards;

23 (2) the ICRC should be given full, immediate,
24 and ongoing access to all Kosovar Albanians held in
25 Serbian and Yugoslav prisons; and

1 (3) all Kosovar Albanians held in Serbian and
2 Yugoslav prisons should be released and returned to
3 Kosova.