

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2341, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MS. HART OF PENNSYLVANIA**

Page 19, insert the following after line 11 and redesignate the succeeding section accordingly:

1 **SEC. 7. REPORT ON CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENTS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 12 months after
3 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Judicial Con-
4 ference of the United States, with the assistance of the
5 Director of the Federal Judicial Center and the Director
6 of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts,
7 shall prepare and transmit to the Committees on the Judi-
8 ciary of the Senate and House of Representatives a report
9 on class action settlements in the Federal courts.

10 (b) CONTENT.—The report under subsection (a) shall
11 contain—

12 (1) recommendations on the best practices that
13 courts can use to ensure that proposed class action
14 settlements are fair to the class members whom the
15 settlements are supposed to benefit;

16 (2) recommendations on the best practices that
17 courts can use to ensure that—

18 (A) the fees and expenses awarded to
19 counsel in connection with a class action settle-
20 ment appropriately reflect the extent to which



1 counsel succeeded in obtaining full redress for
2 the injuries alleged and the time, expense, and
3 risk that counsel devoted to the litigation; and

4 (B) the class members on whose behalf the
5 settlement is proposed are the primary bene-
6 ficiaries of the settlement; and

7 (3) the actions that the Judicial Conference of
8 the United States has taken and intends to take to-
9 ward having the Federal judiciary implement any or
10 all of the recommendations contained in the report.

11 (c) AUTHORITY OF FEDERAL COURTS.—Nothing in
12 this section shall be construed to alter the authority of
13 the Federal courts to supervise attorney’s fees.

