

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5005, AS REPORTED  
OFFERED BY MR. RUSH OF ILLINOIS**

At the end of subtitle G of title VII add the following:

**1 SEC. 7\_\_\_ . OFFICE FOR STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

**2 COORDINATION.**

3 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established within  
4 the Office of the Secretary the Office for State and Local  
5 Government Coordination, to oversee and coordinate de-  
6 partmental programs for and relationships with State and  
7 local governments.

8 (b) RESPONSIBILITIES.—The Office established  
9 under subsection (a) shall—

10 (1) coordinate the activities of the Department  
11 relating to State and local government;

12 (2) assess, and advocate for, the resources  
13 needed by State and local government to implement  
14 the national strategy for combating terrorism;

15 (3) provide State and local government with  
16 regular information, research, and technical support  
17 to assist local efforts at securing the homeland; and

18 (4) develop a process for receiving meaningful  
19 input from State and local government to assist the  
20 development of the national strategy for combating  
21 terrorism and other homeland security activities.

