

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1401, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. WELDON OF FLORIDA**

At the end of subtitle B of title III (page 45, after line 13), insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. 312. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF AIR FORCE**
2 **SPACE LAUNCH FACILITIES.**

3 (a) **ADDITIONAL AUTHORIZATION.**—In addition to
4 the funds otherwise authorized in this Act for the oper-
5 ation and maintenance of the space launch facilities of the
6 Department of the Air Force, there is hereby authorized
7 to be appropriated \$7,300,000 for space launch operations
8 at such launch facilities.

9 (b) **CORRESPONDING REDUCTION.**—The amount au-
10 thorized to be appropriated in section 301(4) for operation
11 and maintenance for the Air Force is hereby reduced by
12 \$7,300,000, to be derived from other service-wide activi-
13 ties.

14 (c) **STUDY OF SPACE LAUNCH RANGES AND RE-**
15 **QUIREMENTS.**—(1) The Secretary of Defense shall con-
16 duct a study—

17 (A) to assess anticipated military, civil, and
18 commercial space launch requirements;

19 (B) to examine the technical shortcomings at
20 the space launch ranges;

1 (C) to evaluate oversight arrangements at the
2 space launch ranges; and

3 (D) to estimate future funding requirements for
4 space launch ranges capable of meeting both na-
5 tional security space launch needs and civil and com-
6 mercial space launch needs.

7 (2) The Secretary shall conduct the study using the
8 Defense Science Board of the Department of Defense.

9 (3) Not later than February 15, 2000, the Secretary
10 shall submit to the congressional defense committees a re-
11 port containing the results of the study.