

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2586, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. WELDON OF PENNSYLVANIA

At the end of title X (page 307, after line 20), insert
the following new section:

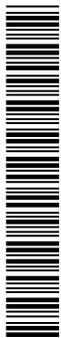
1 **SEC. 1048. ACTION TO PROMOTE NATIONAL DEFENSE FEA-**
2 **TURES PROGRAM.**

3 (a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds the following:

4 (1) The National Defense Features program,
5 which is funded from the National Defense Sealift
6 Fund established by section 2218 of title 10, United
7 States Code, is a constituent element of the defense
8 policy of the United States intended to provide es-
9 sential sealift capacity in emergencies, strengthen
10 the national shipbuilding base, and maintain a re-
11 source of highly trained merchant seamen.

12 (2) Implementation of the National Defense
13 Features program would provide significant benefits
14 both for the United States and for allied nations
15 during military contingencies.

16 (3) For the United States and nations allied
17 with the United States to realize these benefits, it is
18 essential that vessels built under that program enjoy
19 commercial opportunities in peacetime on trade
20 routes between the United States and allied nations



1 and that those vessels not be excluded from such op-
2 portunities through restrictive trade practices.

3 (4) The failure of vessels built, or to be built,
4 under the National Defense Features program to ob-
5 tain employment as common carriers or contract
6 carriers in the particular sector of any trade route
7 in the foreign commerce of the United States for
8 which they are designed to operate, together with
9 long-term domination of that sector of the trade
10 route by citizens of an allied nation, evidences the
11 existence of restrictive trade practices.

12 (b) ACTION TO PROMOTE PROGRAM.—In any case in
13 which the Secretary of Defense finds the existence of the
14 conditions determined by subsection (a)(4) to prove the
15 existence of restrictive trade practices, the Secretary shall
16 certify the case to the Federal Maritime Commission,
17 which thereupon, in consultation with the Secretary, shall
18 take action to counteract such practices, utilizing all rem-
19 edies available under section 10002(e)(1) of the Foreign
20 Shipping Practices Act of 1988 (46 U.S.C. App. 1710a).

