

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 2646
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At the end of title II, insert the following (and make
such conforming changes as may be necessary):

1 SEC. ____. **SENSE OF CONGRESS ON PRIORITIZING NATIVE**
2 AMERICAN YOUTH AND SUICIDE PREVEN-
3 TION PROGRAMS.

4 (a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds as follows:

5 (1) Suicide is the eighth leading cause of death
6 among American Indians and Alaska Natives across
7 all ages.

8 (2) Among American Indians and Alaska Na-
9 tives who are 10 to 34 years of age, suicide is the
10 second leading cause of death.

11 (3) The suicide rate among American Indian
12 and Alaska Native adolescents and young adults
13 ages 15 to 34 (19.5 per 100,000) is 1.5 times higher
14 than the national average for that age group (12.9
15 per 100,000).

16 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
17 gress that the Secretary of Health and Human Services,

1 in carrying out programs for Native American youth and
2 suicide prevention programs for youth suicide interven-
3 tion, should prioritize programs and activities for individ-
4 uals who have a high risk or disproportional burden of
5 suicide, such as Native Americans.

