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**AMENDMENT OFFERED BY MR. SCHAFFER TO THE
AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUB-
STITUTE OFFERED BY MR. GOODLING**

Page VI-54. line 21, strike the closing quotation marks and the final period and insert the following:

1 "SEC. 14616. AMERICA ACHIEVES ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE.

2 "It is the sense of Congress that-

3 "(1) the Constitution of the United States re-
4 serves to the States and to the people the responsi-
5 bility for the general supervision of public education
6 in kindergarten through the twelfth grade:

7 "(2) State and local education agencies are best
8 suited to increasing academic achievement levels for
9 all students and ensuring no student is left behind:

10 "(3) States and local education agencies deserve
11 and require the maximum liberty to build upon ex-
12 isting innovative approaches for education reform
13 and continue their proven record of increasing stu-
14 dent success;

15 "(4) education reform is in the best interests of
16 the American people in order to secure a more pros-
17 perous and perfect union

18 "(5) the best education decisions are made by
19 those who know the students best and who are re-

1 sponsible for implementing the decisions. and. there-
2 fore. educators and parents should retain the right
3 and responsibility to educate their pupils and chil-
4 dren free of regulation by the Federal Government:
5 and

6 “(6) States should be commended for their ef-
7 forts and results and encouraged to sustain and im-
8 prove upon them.”

Page VI-54. line 24, strike “Parts” and insert “Sec-
tion 1, section 2. section 3 and title I and parts”.