AMENDMENT TO H.R. 240 OFFERED BY MR. SCHOCK OF ILLINOIS

At the end of the bill (before the short title), insert the following:

| 1 | SEC It is the sense of the Congress that the |
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| 2 | Director of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services |
| 3 | (USCIS) should— |
| 4 | (1) stop putting the interests of aliens who are |
| 5 | unlawfully present in the United States ahead of the |
| 6 | interests of aliens who are following proper immigra- |
| 7 | tion laws and procedures by adjudicating petitions |
| 8 | and applications for immigration benefits submitted |
| 9 | by aliens unlawfully present in the United States. |
| 10 | When USCIS adjudicators and resources are used to |
| 11 | adjudicate petitions and applications for aliens who |
| 12 | are unlawfully present, the time it takes to process |
| 13 | petitions and applications submitted by other aliens |
| 14 | is significantly increased and a backlog is created. In |
| 15 | addition, it is unfair to use the fees paid by other |
| 16 | aliens to cover the costs of adjudicating petitions |
| 17 | and applications for aliens unlawfully present in the |
| 18 | United States; and |

1 (2) use the funds available under existing law
2 to improve services and increase the efficiency of the
3 immigration benefits application process for aliens
4 abroad or who are lawfully present in the United
5 States.

