AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2583
OFFERED BY Mr. Engel and Mr. Mack

At the end of title VIII, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 8 . UNITED STATES EMBASSIES IN CARIBBEAN**
2 **COUNTRIES.**

3 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
4 gress that—

5 (1) the Department of State should establish
6 embassies in Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, St.
7 Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, and St. Vincent and the
8 Grenadines, where the United States does not now
9 have embassies;

10 (2) the United States Embassy in St. George's,
11 Grenada, should serve as a model for future United
12 States embassies in such countries;

13 (3) as the very large United States diplomatic
14 presence diminishes in Afghanistan and Iraq over
15 time, the Department of State should re-assign five
16 of those diplomatic billets to the five Caribbean
17 countries identified in paragraph (1);

18 (4) between the time of passage of this Act and
19 the coming reduction in the number of Department
20 of State Foreign Service officers in Iraq and Af-

1 ghanistan, the Department of State should plan for
2 the establishment of embassies in the five Caribbean
3 countries identified in paragraph (1); and
4 (5) such embassies should be established not
5 later than ten years after the date of enactment of
6 this Act.
7 (b) REPORT, CONDITIONALITY, AND EXCEPTION.—
8 (1) NOTIFICATION.—The Secretary of State
9 shall notify the appropriate congressional committees
10 when the total number of Foreign Service officers in
11 the United States embassies in Iraq and Afghani-
12 stan has been reduced by 20 percent as compared to
13 the total number of such officers as of the date of
14 the enactment of this Act.
15 (2) WITHHOLDING OF FUNDS.—Except as pro-
16 vided in paragraph (3), if United States embassies
17 have not been established in the five Caribbean
18 countries identified in subsection (a)(1) by the date
19 that the total number of Foreign Service officers in
20 United States embassies in Iraq and Afghanistan
21 has been reduced by 20 percent under paragraph (1)
22 of this subsection, notwithstanding any other provi-
23 sion of law, five percent of the amounts otherwise
24 made available to the Overseas Building Operations
25 account of the Department of State shall be with-

1 held until such time as such embassies are estab-
2 lished.

3 (3) EXCEPTION FOR DELAY.—The Secretary of
4 State may delay for up to one year the establish-
5 ment of the United States embassies in the five Car-
6 ibbean countries identified in subsection (a)(1) if the
7 Secretary determines that more time is needed to es-
8 tablish such embassies and submits to the appro-
9 priate congressional committees a report explaining
10 the reason for such delay.

11 (4) LIMITATION ON ADDITIONAL FUNDING.—To
12 establish the United States embassies in the five
13 Caribbean countries identified in subsection (a)(1),
14 the Secretary of State may use only amounts that
15 are available to the Department of State for such
16 purpose.