

AMENDMENT

OFFERED BY MR. PASCRELL OF NEW JERSEY

Add at the end the following:

1 **SEC. ____ . IRS PHONE SCAM REPORT.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the
3 date of the enactment of this Act, the Inspector General
4 for Tax Administration, in consultation with the Federal
5 Communications Commission and the Federal Trade Com-
6 mission, shall submit a report to Congress regarding iden-
7 tity theft phone scams under which individuals attempt
8 to obtain personal information over the phone from tax-
9 payers by falsely claiming to be calling from or on behalf
10 the Internal Revenue Service.

11 (b) CONTENTS OF REPORT.—Such report shall in-
12 clude—

13 (1) a description of the nature and form of such
14 scams;

15 (2) an estimate of the number of taxpayers con-
16 tacted pursuant to, and the number of taxpayers
17 who have been victims of, such scams;

18 (3) an estimate of the amount of wrongful pay-
19 ments obtained from such scams; and

1 (4) details of potential solutions to combat and
2 prevent such scams, including best practices from
3 the private sector and technological solutions.

4 **SEC. ____ . PROVIDING IDENTITY THEFT PREVENTION IN-**
5 **FORMATION WHILE ON HOLD WITH INTER-**
6 **NAL REVENUE SERVICE.**

7 The Secretary of the Treasury, or the Secretary's del-
8 egate, shall ensure that if a taxpayer is on hold with the
9 Internal Revenue Service on a taxpayer service telephone
10 call the following information is provided:

11 (1) Basic information about common identity
12 theft tax scams.

13 (2) Directions on where to report such activity.

14 (3) Tips on how to protect against identity
15 theft tax scams.

