

**AMENDMENT TO THE VIEWS AND ESTIMATES OF
THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL SERVICES ON
MATTERS TO BE SET FORTH IN THE CONCUR-
RENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET FOR FY
2008
OFFERED BY MR. CAMPBELL OF CALIFORNIA**

Under the heading "SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION", strike the last sentence in the penultimate paragraph and insert after such paragraph the following new paragraph:

1 The Securities and Exchange Commission may also
2 need to slightly adjust its resources to implement legisla-
3 tion the Committee anticipates on litigation reform to re-
4 duce frivolous lawsuits. The Committee recognizes that
5 United States is facing serious threats to its competitive-
6 ness, particularly from our European and Asian competi-
7 tors. Additional litigation reform is necessary to strength-
8 en America's competitive position. Frivolous law suits
9 have a chilling effect on the economy. These lawsuits cripp-
10 ple executives from focusing on innovation and develop-
11 ment. Shareholders, employees and investors pay the price
12 for these frivolous law suits. Excessive litigation makes the
13 United States a less attractive place to do business and

1 less competitive with non-United States financial markets.
2 As the Committee considers legislation that would impact
3 America's global competitiveness, the Committee must re-
4 view the impact that legislation would have on litigation
5 and include appropriate reforms to discourage non-meri-
6 torious lawsuits. The SEC's ability to effectively carry out
7 its on-going responsibilities while undertaking these major
8 projects and enforcement efforts may be limited by the
9 overall reductions in staffing."