

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2583****OFFERED BY MR. HIGGINS OF NEW YORK**

At the appropriate place in the bill, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 215. PAYMENT OF PASSPORT FEES.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1(a) of the Act of June  
3 4, 1920 (22 U.S.C. 214(a)), is amended, in the first sen-  
4 tence, by striking “into the Treasury of the United  
5 States” and inserting “to the Department of State”.

6 (b) RETENTION OF FEES.—Any amount collected by  
7 the Department of State in fiscal year 201~~2~~ and each fis-  
8 cal year thereafter as a fee for visas, passports, or other  
9 consular services may be credited as an offsetting collec-  
10 tion to the appropriate Department of State appropria-  
11 tion, to remain available until expended, for the purpose  
12 of meeting the costs of providing such services and shall  
13 be available for the same purposes as the appropriation  
14 to which such amounts are credited.

15 (c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this Act  
16 shall be construed to affect or limit in any manner any  
17 fees collected by local governments for the purposes of  
18 processing passport applications submitted to the Depart-  
19 ment of State.

1       (d) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-  
2 gress that new revenues directed to the Department of  
3 State under this Act should be used to reduce the costs  
4 of passports for consumers.

