AMENDMENT TO H.R. 358

OFFERED BY MR. WEINER OF NEW YORK

[Page and line numbers refer to the Committee Print dated February 11, 2011]

Page 2, after line 4, insert the following section (and make such conforming changes as may be necessary):

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 The Congress finds the following:

3 (1) The Rules of the House of Representatives
4 include in clause 7(c)(1) of rule XII the following:
5 "A bill or joint resolution may not be introduced un-
6 less the sponsor submits for printing in the Congres-
7 sional Record a statement citing as specifically as
8 practicable the power or powers granted in the Con-
9 stitution to enact the bill or joint resolution."

10 (2) The statement of constitutional authority
11 submitted on January 20, 2011, with the "Protect
12 Life Act" says, "The Protect Life Act would over-
13 turn an unconstitutional mandate regarding abortion
14 in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.".

15 (3) The statement provides no citation to any
16 provision in the Constitution or an amendment
17 thereto.

Add at the end of section 2 the following:

1 (c) CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY REQUIREMENT.—
2 The provisions of, and amendments made by, this section
3 shall not apply until such date that the sponsor of this
4 Act submits for printing in the Congressional Record a
5 statement citing the specific provision of the Constitution
6 granting Congress the power to enact this Act.