

2. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
ORTIZ OF TEXAS, OR HIS DESIGNEE,  
DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES:

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1815, AS REPORTED  
OFFERED BY MR. ORTIZ OF TEXAS**

Page 45, line 18, insert “(a) IN GENERAL.—” before “Section 216”.

Page 47, after line 6, insert the following:

1 (b) SUSTAINMENT PLAN.—Not later than December  
2 31, 2005, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the  
3 congressional defense committees a plan for sustaining the  
4 MHC-51 class mine countermeasures ships and sup-  
5 porting dedicated mine countermeasures systems until the  
6 Littoral Combat Ship and next-generation mine counter-  
7 measures systems are deployed and capable of assuming  
8 the mission of the MHC-51 class mine countermeasures  
9 ships.

