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AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY SENATOR TSONGAS:

On page 122, strike out lines 16 through 24, and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"SEC. 1235. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, none of the funds appropriated pursuant to an authorization contained in this or any other Act may be obligated or expended to test any explosive or inert antisatellite warheads against objects in space unless the President determines and certifies to the Congress -

(1) that the United States is endeavoring, in good faith, to negotiate with the Soviet Union a mutual and verifiable ban or strict limitations on antisatellite weapons; and

(2) that, pending agreement on such a ban or strict limitations, testing of explosive or inert antisatellite warheads against objects in space by the United States is necessary to avert clear and irrevocable harm to the national security."