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11 Senator Wasserman Schultz moved the following amendment:

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13 **Senate Amendment**

14 Delete lines 3504-3536,

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16 and insert:

17 (b) If a compensable permanent impairment, or any
18 portion thereof, is a result of aggravation or acceleration of
19 a preexisting condition, or is the result of merger with a
20 preexisting impairment, an employee eligible to receive
21 impairment benefits under paragraph (3)(a) shall receive such
22 benefits for the total impairment found to result, excluding
23 the degree of impairment existing at the time of the subject
24 accident or injury or which would have existed by the time of
25 the impairment rating without the intervention of the
26 compensable accident or injury. The degree of permanent
27 impairment attributable to the accident or injury shall be
28 compensated in accordance with paragraph (3)(a). As used in
29 this paragraph, "merger" means the combining of a preexisting
30 permanent impairment with a subsequent compensable permanent
31 impairment which, when the effects of both are considered

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1 together, result in a permanent impairment rating which is
2 greater than the sum of the two permanent impairment ratings
3 when each impairment is considered individually.

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