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COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED	(Y/N)
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ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION	(Y/N)
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Representative Fabricio offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

6 Remove everything after the resolving clause and insert:
7 That democratic socialism is denounced in favor of the true
8 American values of individual liberty, private property and
9 constitutional democracy.

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17 18 WHEREAS, since its inception, the United States has adhered 19 to the rule of law, embracing constitutional democracy and 20 individual liberty, and 21 WHEREAS, constitutional democracy trusts the people to 22 choose their leaders but protects individual liberty and 23 property from the tyranny of both the majority and the 24 government, and 25 WHEREAS, the rule of law ensures that society is governed 26 by duly enacted laws approved by representatives of the people, thereby protecting real and personal property against arbitrary 27 28 confiscation, taxation and regulation, and 29 WHEREAS, individual liberty includes the freedom of a 30 citizen to engage in, and benefit from, the labor of his or her 31 own hands, and WHEREAS, in the words of statesman, lawyer, diplomat, 32 33 philosopher, and Founding Father James Madison, who served as 34 our nation's fourth president, "As a man is said to have a right 35 to his property, he may be equally said to have a property in 36 his rights," and 37 WHEREAS, all of the citizens of this great nation benefit from limiting the imposition of regulation on industry and 38 39 supporting capitalism as a means of increasing the strength of 40 our economy, and 41 WHEREAS, in 2020, the International Monetary Fund reported 483213 - 108 - 883 - 02.docx

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42 that the economy of the United States remains the largest in the 43 world at \$20.49 trillion, surpassing such competitors as China 44 at \$13.4 trillion, Japan at \$4.97 trillion, and Germany at \$4 45 trillion, and

WHEREAS, in contrast to the foundational American values of individual liberty, private property and constitutional democracy, democratic socialism is a political and economic theory of social organization which advocates the ownership or regulation of production, distribution, and exchange by the community as a whole, and

52 WHEREAS, in many nations that have relied upon democratic 53 socialism to improve the lives of their citizens, the result has 54 been economic and social chaos, an extraordinarily low standard 55 of living for the vast majority, and the absence of individual 56 liberty for all, NOW, THEREFORE,

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