

AMENDMENT TO
RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 118-36
OFFERED BY MR. JACKSON OF TEXAS

At the end of subtitle B of title II, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 2___.** **RESEARCH CONSORTIUM ON BIOLOGICAL**
2 **THREATS TO THE FOOD SUPPLY.**

3 (a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—The Secretary of Defense
4 shall establish a research consortium—

5 (1) to identify potential biological threats to the
6 food supply of the United States, including threats
7 such as emerging and zoonotic diseases, pests, and
8 pathogens; and

9 (2) to recommend countermeasures to mitigate
10 such threats.

11 (b) **COMPOSITION.**—The consortium established
12 under subsection (a) shall be composed of—

13 (1) one or more organizations of the Depart-
14 ment of Defense; and

15 (2) one or more institutions of higher education
16 with expertise relevant to the mission of the consor-
17 tium.

1 (c) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date
2 of the enactment of this section, the consortium estab-
3 lished under subsection (a) shall submit to the Secretary
4 of Defense and Congress a report that summarizes the
5 findings of the consortium with respect to the matters de-
6 scribed in paragraphs (1) and (2) of such subsection.

