AMENDMENT TO
RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 117–31
OFFERED BY MR. CARTER OF GEORGIA

At the end of division C of the Rules Committee Print, add the following new title:

1 TITLE V—PAUSING ENHANCED PANDEMIC PATHOGEN RESEARCH

2 SEC. 20501. NO CONDUCT OR SUPPORT BY NIH OF GAIN-OF-FUNCTION RESEARCH.

3 Part A of title IV of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 281 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

4 “SEC. 404O. GAIN-OF-FUNCTION RESEARCH.

5 “(a) Prohibition.—During the period ending on September 30, 2026, the National Institutes of Health shall not conduct or support, directly or indirectly, including through subgrants, any gain-of-function research that may be reasonably anticipated to confer attributes to any influenza virus or coronavirus (including any coronavirus that is associated with severe acute respiratory syndrome) such that the virus would have enhanced pathogenicity or transmissibility in mammals via the respiratory route.
“(b) LIMITATION.—This section does not apply to characterization or testing of any naturally occurring influenza virus or coronavirus, unless the characterization or testing is anticipated to increase pathogenicity or transmissibility.”.