

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 115-

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OFFERED BY MR. DELANEY OF MARYLAND

Page 375, after line 8, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 1040. LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS TO CLOSE BIO-**
2 **SAFETY LEVEL 4 LABORATORIES.**

3 (a) **LIMITATION.**—None of the funds authorized to
4 be appropriated in this Act may be used to support the
5 closure or transfer of a biosafety level 4 laboratory until
6 the heads of the Federal agencies that use the laboratory
7 jointly certify to the covered congressional committees that
8 the closure or transfer of the lab would not have a negative
9 effect on biological defense capabilities and would not re-
10 sult in a lapse of biological defense capabilities.

11 (b) **COVERED CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.**—In
12 this section, the term “covered congressional committees”
13 means—

14 (1) the Committees on Armed Services of the
15 Senate and House of Representatives;

16 (2) the Committees on the Judiciary of the Sen-
17 ate and House of Representatives;

18 (3) the Permanent Select Committee on Intel-
19 ligence of the House of Representatives;

1 (4) the Select Committee on Intelligence of the
2 Senate;

3 (5) the Committee on Homeland Security of the
4 House of Representatives;

5 (6) the Committee on Homeland Security and
6 Governmental Affairs of the Senate;

7 (7) the Committee on Oversight and Govern-
8 ment Reform of the House of Representatives; and

9 (8) the Committees on Appropriations of the
10 Senate and House of Representatives.

