

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
FOR H.R. 1806
OFFERED BY MS. EDWARDS OF MARYLAND**

At the end of title II, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 205. STRENGTHENING INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH**
2 **PARTNERSHIPS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 3 months after the
4 date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General
5 shall conduct a review of Federal research grants that are
6 carried out through a partnership that includes a major
7 research university and one or more minority-serving insti-
8 tutions, predominately undergraduate institutions, or in-
9 stitutions not in the top 200 of those receiving Federal
10 research funding. The review shall include consideration
11 of—

12 (1) the origin and development of terms for the
13 partnerships, including whether they are generally
14 initiated by the major research university or the
15 smaller institution or institutions;

16 (2) whether and how such partnerships take
17 full advantage of the strengths of the smaller insti-
18 tutions;

1 (3) how such partnerships do or can help build
2 new research or STEM education capacity at the
3 smaller institutions;

4 (4) how decisions are made about division of re-
5 search and education activities among partners;

6 (5) how funds are allocated among partners, in-
7 cluding the use of subawardee contracts among in-
8 stitutions;

9 (6) institutional perception within the partner-
10 ships;

11 (7) how different Federal agencies manage such
12 partnerships, including funding mechanisms; and

13 (8) any recommendations on Federal support
14 and management for such partnerships.

15 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 120 days after the date
16 of enactment of this Act, the Director of the National
17 Science Foundation shall transmit to the Committee on
18 Science, Space, and Technology of the House of Rep-
19 resentatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science,
20 and Transportation of the Senate a summary report in-
21 cluding partnership terms, requirements, grant payment
22 timelines and requirements, and recommendations on im-
23 proving Federal research grants that are carried out
24 through a partnership that includes one or more minority-
25 serving institutions, predominately undergraduate institu-

- 1 tions, or institutions not in the top 200 of those receiving
- 2 Federal researching funding.

