AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
FOR H.R. 8
OFFERED BY MR. GRAYSON OF FLORIDA

At the end of the bill, add the following new title:

TITLE VII—OTHER MATTERS

SEC. 7001. ENERGY FRONTIER RESEARCH CENTERS.

(a) In General.—The Director shall carry out a program to provide awards, on a competitive, merit-reviewed basis, to multi-institutional collaborations or other appropriate entities to conduct fundamental and use-inspired energy research to accelerate scientific breakthroughs.

(b) Collaborations.—A collaboration receiving an award under this section may include multiple types of institutions and private sector entities.

(c) Selection and Duration.—

(1) In General.—A collaboration under this section shall be selected for a period of 5 years. An Energy Frontier Research Center already in existence and supported by the Director on the date of enactment of this Act may continue to receive support for a period of 5 years beginning on the date of establishment of that center.
(2) REAPPLICATION.—After the end of the period described in paragraph (1), an awardee may reapply for selection for a second period of 5 years on a competitive, merit-reviewed basis.

(3) TERMINATION.—Consistent with the existing authorities of the Department, the Director may terminate an underperforming center for cause during the performance period.

(d) NO FUNDING FOR CONSTRUCTION.—No funding provided pursuant to this section may be used for the construction of new buildings or facilities.