AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT OF H.R. 4310

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At the end of subtitle E of title XXXI, add the following new section:

1SEC. 3158. PILOT PROGRAM ON TECHNOLOGY COMMER-2CIALIZATION.

3 (a) PILOT PROGRAM.—The Secretary of Energy, in 4 consultation with the Technology Transfer Coordinator 5 appointed under section 1001(a) of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C. 16391(a)), may carry out a competi-6 tively awarded pilot program involving one non-profit enti-7 ty and a national laboratory within the National Nuclear 8 9 Security Administration for the purpose of accelerating 10 technology transfer from national laboratories to the mar-11 ketplace.

12 (b) SELECTION OF ENTITY AND NATIONAL LABORA-13 TORY.—In carrying out a pilot program under subsection 14 (a), the Secretary of Energy and the Technology Transfer 15 Coordinator shall jointly select a non-profit entity and a 16 national laboratory for the purpose of carrying out the 17 pilot program under this section. In making such selections, the Secretary and Coordinator shall consider each
 of the following:

3	(1) A commitment to participate made by a na-
4	tional laboratory within the National Nuclear Secu-
5	rity Administration being considered for selection.
6	(2) The availability of technologies, licenses, in-
7	tellectual property, and other matters at a national
8	laboratory being considered for selection.
9	(c) Program Elements.—The pilot program shall
10	be carried out as follows:
11	(1) Under the pilot program, the Secretary and
12	the Coordinator shall evaluate and validate the per-
13	formance of technology transfer activities at the se-
14	lected laboratory.
15	(2) The pilot program shall involve collabora-
16	tion with other offices and agencies within the De-
17	partment of Energy and the National Nuclear Secu-
18	rity Administration.
19	(3) Under the pilot program, the non-profit en-
20	tity selected to carry out the pilot program shall
21	work to create business startups and increase the
22	number of cooperative research and development
23	agreements and sponsored research projects at the
24	selected laboratory. The non-profit entity shall work
25	with interested businesses in identifying appropriate

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technologies at the national laboratory and facili tating the commercialization process.

3 (4) The Secretary of Energy and the Coordi4 nator shall use the results of the pilot program as
5 the basis for informing key performance parameters
6 and strategies that could be implemented in various
7 national laboratories across the country.

8 (d) DURATION.—A pilot program carried out under
9 subsection (a) shall be not more than two years in dura10 tion.

11 (e) REPORTS.—

12 (1) INITIAL REPORTS.—Not later than one year 13 after the date on which a pilot program under sub-14 section (a) begins, the Secretary of Energy shall 15 submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the 16 Senate and House of Representatives, the Com-17 mittee on Science and Technology in the House of 18 Representatives, and the Committee on Commerce, 19 Science and Transportation in the Senate, a report 20 that provides an update on the implementation of 21 the pilot program under this section, including an 22 identification of the selected non-profit entity and 23 national laboratory.

24 (2) FINAL REPORT.—Not later than 90 days25 after the completion of the pilot program, the Sec-

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1 retary shall submit to the Committees on Armed 2 Services of the Senate and House of Representatives, the Committee on Science and Technology in 3 4 the House of Representatives, and the Committee on 5 Commerce, Science and Transportation of the Sen-6 ate a report on the pilot program, including any 7 findings and recommendations of the Secretary. The 8 non-profit entity shall submit a report detailing its 9 experiences working with the laboratory and submit 10 recommendations for improvement of technology 11 commercialization. 12 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the term "national laboratory" means— 13 14 (1) a national laboratory (as defined in section

15 2 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C.
16 15801)); or

17 (2) a national security laboratory (as defined in
18 section 3281 of the National Nuclear Security Ad19 ministration Act (50 U.S.C. 2471)).

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