

AMENDMENT TO
RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 117-54
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At the end of title LVIII of division E, add the following:

1 **SEC. ____ . NATIONAL BIODEFENSE SCIENCE AND TECH-**
2 **NOLOGY STRATEGY.**

3 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 180 days after the
4 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Health and
5 Human Services, in coordination with the Secretary of Ag-
6 riculture, the Secretary of Defense, and the Secretary of
7 Homeland Security, shall develop a national biodefense
8 science and technology strategy.

9 (b) **REQUIREMENTS.**—The strategy required by sub-
10 section (a) shall—

11 (1) include a mission, goals, and objectives for
12 public and private sector development, procurement,
13 acquisition, and deployment of innovative tech-
14 nologies to address and eliminate biological threats;

15 (2) be informed by an evaluation of science and
16 technology successes and failures in addressing the
17 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic;

18 (3) address coordination of Federal efforts;

1 (4) address contributions from academia, indus-
2 try, and nongovernmental organizations;

3 (5) be accompanied by an implementation plan
4 that clearly defines Federal department and agency
5 roles and responsibilities, and includes timeframes
6 for execution; and

7 (6) be aligned with the National Biodefense
8 Strategy under section 1086 of the National Defense
9 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (6 U.S.C.
10 104).

11 (c) CLASSIFIED APPENDIX.—The strategy required
12 by subsection (a) may include a classified appendix.

13 (d) SUBMISSION.—Upon completion of the annex re-
14 quired by subsection (a), the Secretary of Health and
15 Human Services shall submit the annex to—

16 (1) the Committee on Armed Services, the
17 Committee on Energy and Commerce, the Com-
18 mittee on Agriculture, the Committee on Homeland
19 Security, the Committee on Science, Space, and
20 Technology, and the Committee on Appropriations
21 of the House of Representatives; and

22 (2) the Committee on Armed Services, the
23 Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pen-
24 sions, the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and
25 Forestry, the Committee on Homeland Security and

1 Governmental Affairs, the Committee on Commerce,
2 Science, and Transportation, and the Committee on
3 Appropriations of the Senate.

4 (e) UPDATES.—The Secretary of Health and Human
5 Services, in coordination with the Secretary of Agriculture,
6 the Secretary of Defense, and the Secretary of Homeland
7 Security, shall—

8 (1) revise the strategy required by subsection
9 (a) biennially; and

10 (2) submit revisions to such strategy together
11 with updates to the National Biodefense Strategy
12 under section 1086 of the National Defense Author-
13 ization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (6 U.S.C. 104).

