

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
OF H.R. 4310
OFFERED BY MR. LUJÁN OF NEW MEXICO**

At the end of subtitle D of title XXXI, add the following:

1 **SEC. 3146. STUDY ON A MULTI-AGENCY GOVERNANCE**
2 **MODEL FOR NATIONAL SECURITY LABORA-**
3 **TORIES.**

4 (a) INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENT.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator for Nu-
6 clear Security shall commission an independent as-
7 sessment regarding the transition of the national se-
8 curity laboratories to multi-agency federally funded
9 research and development centers with direct
10 sustainment and sponsorship by multiple national
11 security agencies. The assessment shall be conducted
12 by an independent, non-governmental institute which
13 is described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Rev-
14 enue Code of 1986 and exempt from tax under sec-
15 tion 501(a) of such Code, and has recognized cre-
16 dentials and expertise in national security science
17 and engineering laboratories and with ready access
18 to policy experts throughout the United States.

1 (2) BACKGROUND MATERIAL.—The assessment
2 shall leverage previous studies, including—

3 (A) the report published in 2009 by the
4 Stimson Center titled “Leveraging Science for
5 Security: A Strategy for the Nuclear Weapons
6 Laboratories in the 21st Century”; and

7 (B) the Phase 1 report published in 2012
8 by the National Academy of Sciences titled
9 “Managing for High-Quality Science and Engi-
10 neering at the NNSA National Security labora-
11 tories”.

12 (3) ELEMENTS.—The assessment conducted
13 pursuant to paragraph (1) shall include the fol-
14 lowing elements:

15 (A) An assessment of a new governance
16 structure that—

17 (i) gives multiple national security
18 agencies, including the Department of De-
19 fense, the Department of Homeland Secu-
20 rity, the Department of Energy, and the
21 intelligence community, direct sponsorship
22 of the national security laboratories as fed-
23 erally funded research and development
24 centers so that such agencies have more di-
25 rect and rapid access to the assets avail-

1 able at the laboratories and the responsi-
2 bility to provide sustainable support for the
3 science and technology needs of the agen-
4 cies at the laboratories;

5 (ii) reduces costs to the Federal Gov-
6 ernment for the use of the resources of the
7 laboratories, while enhancing the steward-
8 ship of these national resources and maxi-
9 mizing their service to the nation;

10 (iii) enhances the overall quality of
11 the scientific research and engineering ca-
12 pability of the laboratories, including their
13 ability to recruit and retain top scientists
14 and engineers; and

15 (iv) maintains as paramount the capa-
16 bilities required to support the nuclear
17 stockpile stewardship and related nuclear
18 missions.

19 (B) A recommendation as to which, if any,
20 other laboratories associated with any national
21 security agency should be included in the new
22 governance structure.

23 (C) Options for implementing the new gov-
24 ernance structure that minimize disruption of

1 performance and costs to the government while
2 rapidly achieving anticipated gains.

3 (D) Legislative changes and executive ac-
4 tions that would need to be made in order to
5 implement the new governance structure.

6 (b) REPORT.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than January 1,
8 2014, the designated private entity shall submit to
9 the Administrator and the congressional defense
10 committees a report that contains the findings of the
11 assessment.

12 (2) FORM.—The report under paragraph (1)
13 shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may in-
14 clude a classified annex.

15 (c) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “national
16 security laboratory” has the meaning given that term in
17 section 3281 of the National Nuclear Security Administra-
18 tion Act (50 U.S.C. 2471).

