

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 119-

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OFFERED BY MR. SCHMIDT OF KANSAS

Page 518, strike lines 5 and 6 and insert the following:

1 “(D) DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND
2 HUMAN SERVICES.—

3 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1
4 year after the date of enactment of the
5 Farm, Food, and National Security Act of
6 2026, the Secretary and the Secretary of
7 Health and Human Services (referred to in
8 this paragraph as the ‘Secretaries’) shall
9 coordinate the activities under paragraph
10 (1) through the establishment of memo-
11 randa of understanding or other appro-
12 priate interagency agreements. Such a
13 memorandum or such an agreement shall
14 require the use of a competitive, merit-re-
15 viewed process as appropriate. Activities
16 may include components proposed by Fed-
17 eral agencies, institutions of higher edu-
18 cation, nonprofit organizations, industry,

1 and other entities deemed appropriate
2 under the memorandum or agreement.

3 “(ii) COORDINATION.—In carrying out
4 the activities under paragraph (1), the Sec-
5 retaries may—

6 “(I) conduct collaborative re-
7 search in a variety of focus areas re-
8 lated to enhancing the capacity of do-
9 mestic producers to increase produc-
10 tion of those crops which are appro-
11 priate for natural color additives, in-
12 cluding—

13 “(aa) which crops are most
14 effectively used in the reliable
15 production of natural color addi-
16 tives;

17 “(bb) genetics of such crops;

18 “(cc) ways to address bar-
19 riers to production at scale, in-
20 cluding pest and disease pres-
21 sure, harvesting technologies, and
22 other such areas; and

23 “(dd) infrastructure needs
24 relevant to such production and

1 processing, such as juicing or ex-
2 traction facilities;

3 “(II) promote collaboration and
4 information sharing with stakeholders;

5 “(III) promote collaboration and
6 open, community-based development
7 between—

8 “(aa) Federal agencies;

9 “(bb) institutions of higher
10 education;

11 “(cc) nonprofit institutions;

12 “(dd) industry partners; and

13 “(ee) other entities deemed
14 appropriate under the memo-
15 randum or agreement involved;

16 “(IV) support research infra-
17 structure, including new facilities and
18 equipment, and workforce develop-
19 ment as the Secretaries deem nec-
20 essary;

21 “(V) conduct collaborative re-
22 search, development, and demonstra-
23 tion of methods and technologies;

1 “(VI) conduct research on eco-
2 nomic impact on the supply chain to
3 transition to natural colors; and

4 “(VII) facilitate relations be-
5 tween public and private entities to
6 carry on the activities of this clause
7 upon the termination of any agree-
8 ment established under this subpara-
9 graph.

10 “(iii) AGREEMENTS.—In carrying out
11 the activities under this subparagraph, the
12 Secretaries are authorized to—

13 “(I) carry out reimbursable
14 agreements between the Department,
15 the Department of Health and
16 Human Services, and other entities in
17 order to maximize the effectiveness of
18 research and development; and

19 “(II) collaborate with other Fed-
20 eral agencies, as appropriate.

21 “(E) OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES.—In ad-
22 dition to the memoranda of understanding with

