AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1540, AS REPORTED
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Page 92, after line 12, insert the following:

SEC. 254. APPLICATION OF RNA BIOLOGICAL AND FUNCTIONAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.

In carrying out the medical advanced technology program, the Secretary of Defense shall ensure that, when applicable, RNA biological and functional science and technology are used for research in which RNA may be a translational tool and potentially therapeutic, including—

(1) infectious diseases employed by terrorists or other entities to have a battlefield effect;
(2) memory disorders;
(3) rare diseases; and
(4) other diseases affecting military readiness.