

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 3116**

OFFERED BY Mr. THOMPSON OF MS.

At the end of title VII add the following:

1 **SEC. ____ . UNIVERSITY-BASED CENTERS.**

2 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
3 authorized \$41,200,000 for fiscal year 2012 to the Sec-
4 retary to carry out the university-based centers program
5 of the Department.

6 (b) EXPLOSIVE COUNTERMEASURES OR DETEC-
7 TION.—Section 308(b)(2)(B)(iv) (6 U.S.C.
8 188(b)(2)(B)(iv)) is amended by striking “and nuclear”
9 and inserting “nuclear, and explosive”.

10 **SEC. ____ . REVIEW OF UNIVERSITY-BASED CENTERS.**

11 (a) GAO STUDY OF UNIVERSITY-BASED CENTERS.—
12 Not later than 120 days after the date of enactment of
13 this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States
14 shall initiate a study to assess the university-based centers
15 for homeland security program authorized by section
16 308(b)(2) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6
17 U.S.C. 188(b)(2)), and provide recommendations to the
18 appropriate congressional committees for appropriate im-
19 provements.

1 (b) SUBJECT MATTERS.—The study under sub-
2 section (a) shall include the following:

3 (1) A review of the Department's efforts to
4 identify key areas of study needed to support the
5 homeland security mission, and criteria that the De-
6 partment utilized to determine those key areas for
7 which the Department should maintain, establish, or
8 eliminate university-based centers.

9 (2) A review of the method by which university-
10 based centers, federally funded research and develop-
11 ment centers, and Department of Energy national
12 laboratories receive tasking from the Department,
13 including a review of how university-based research
14 is identified, prioritized, and funded.

15 (3) A review of selection criteria for designating
16 university-based centers and a weighting of such cri-
17 teria.

18 (4) An examination of best practices from other
19 agencies efforts to organize and use university-based
20 research to support their missions.

21 (5) A review of the Department's criteria and
22 metrics to measure demonstrable progress achieved
23 by university-based centers in fulfilling Department
24 taskings, and mechanisms for delivering and dis-
25 seminating the research results of designated univer-

1 city-based centers within the Department and to
2 other Federal, State, and local agencies.

3 (6) An examination of the means by which aca-
4 demic institutions that are not designated or associ-
5 ated with the designated university-based centers
6 can optimally contribute to the research mission of
7 the Directorate.

8 (7) An assessment of the interrelationship be-
9 tween the different university-based centers.

10 (8) A review of any other essential elements of
11 the programs determined in the conduct of the
12 study.

13 (c) MORATORIUM ON NEW UNIVERSITY-BASED CEN-
14 TERS.—The Secretary may not designate any new univer-
15 sity-based centers to research new areas in homeland secu-
16 rity prior to the completion of the Comptroller General’s
17 review.

