

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE  
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 5781  
OFFERED BY MR. BERA OF CALIFORNIA**

Page 10, line 10, strike “and” after the semicolon.

Page 10, line 18, strike the period and insert “;  
and”.

Page 10, after line 18 insert the following:

1           (F) in collaboration with the United States  
2           Fire Administration, carry out research and de-  
3           velopment of decontamination methods and  
4           technologies for firefighting gear on and off the  
5           field.

Page 20, line 17, strike “and” after the semicolon.

Page 20, line 24, strike the period and insert a  
semicolon.

Page 20, after line 24, insert the following:

6           (9) in coordination with the National Institute  
7           of Standards and Technology and other Federal ini-  
8           tiatives as appropriate, carry out a study to—

1 (A) examine PFAS and other potentially  
2 harmful contaminants in firefighting gear, fire  
3 retardants, and wetting agents;

4 (B) determine the lifecycle of firefighting  
5 garments; and

6 (C) evaluate exposure risks based on dif-  
7 ferent phases of the fire; and

8 (10) develop resources regarding best practices  
9 for establishing or enhancing peer-support programs  
10 within wildland fire firefighting units.

