

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 4609
OFFERED BY MR. TONKO OF NEW YORK**

At the end of title III, add the following:

1 SEC. 308. PREMISE PLUMBING RESEARCH.

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting through the
3 Director, shall create a program for premise plumbing re-
4 search, including to—

5 (1) conduct metrology research on premise
6 plumbing in relation to water safety, security, effi-
7 ciency, sustainability, and resilience; and

8 (2) coordinate research activities with aca-
9 demia, the private sector, nonprofits, and other Fed-
10 eral agencies,

11 (b) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section, the
12 term “premise plumbing” means the water distribution
13 system located within the property lines of a property, in-
14 cluding all buildings and permanent structures on such
15 property. Such term includes building supply and distribu-
16 tion pipes, fixtures, fittings, water heaters, water-treating
17 and water-using equipment, and all respective joints, con-
18 nections, devices, and appurtenances.

