

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2763
OFFERED BY MR. HIGGINS OF LOUISIANA

At the end of the bill, add the following:

1 SEC. 7. ENCOURAGING INNOVATION IN CYBERSECURITY.

2 Section 9 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 638)
3 is amended by adding at the end the following:

4 “(tt) ENCOURAGING INNOVATION IN
5 CYBERSECURITY.—In carrying out this section, the Ad-
6 ministrator shall—

7 “(1) ensure that, in selecting small business
8 concerns to participate in SBIR or STTR programs
9 under this section, Federal agencies give high pri-
10 ority to small business concerns that are engaged in
11 cybersecurity research and development, for the pur-
12 pose of developing and implementing technology
13 services and products to strengthen the security of
14 United States Government and private computer
15 systems, including software, hardware, and portable
16 devices; and

17 “(2) include in the annual report to Congress
18 under subsection (b)(7) a determination of whether

- 1 the priority described in paragraph (1) is being car-
- 2 ried out.”.

