

**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.

