

AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_ Calendar No. \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose: In the nature of a substitute.

**IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—116th Cong., 2d Sess.**

**H. R. 542**

To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish the National Urban Security Technology Laboratory, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_ and ordered to be printed

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AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE intended to be proposed by Mr. JOHNSON

Viz:

1 Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the fol-  
2 lowing:

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Supporting Research  
5 and Development for First Responders Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL URBAN SECURITY TECHNOLOGY LAB-  
7 ORATORY.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title III of the Homeland Secu-  
9 rity Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 181 et seq.) is amended by  
10 adding at the end the following:

1 **“SEC. 321. NATIONAL URBAN SECURITY TECHNOLOGY LAB-**  
2 **ORATORY.**

3 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting through  
4 the Under Secretary for Science and Technology, shall  
5 designate the laboratory described in subsection (b) as an  
6 additional laboratory pursuant to the authority under sec-  
7 tion 308(c)(2). Such laboratory shall be used to test and  
8 evaluate emerging technologies and conduct research and  
9 development to assist emergency response providers in  
10 preparing for, and protecting against, threats of terrorism.

11 “(b) LABORATORY DESCRIBED.—The laboratory de-  
12 scribed in this subsection is the laboratory—

13 “(1) known, as of the date of the enactment of  
14 this section, as the National Urban Security Tech-  
15 nology Laboratory;

16 “(2) previously known as the Environmental  
17 Measurements Laboratory; and

18 “(3) transferred to the Department pursuant to  
19 section 303(1)(E).

20 “(c) LABORATORY ACTIVITIES.—The laboratory des-  
21 ignated pursuant to subsection (a), shall—

22 “(1) conduct tests, evaluations, and assess-  
23 ments of current and emerging technologies, includ-  
24 ing, as appropriate, cybersecurity of such tech-  
25 nologies that can connect to the internet, for emer-  
26 gency response providers;

1           “(2) notwithstanding the amendments made by  
2           section 501(b)(2) of the SAFE Port Act (Public  
3           Law 109–347; 120 Stat. 1935), conduct research  
4           and development on radiological and nuclear re-  
5           sponse and recovery;

6           “(3) act as a technical advisor to emergency re-  
7           sponse providers; and

8           “(4) carry out other such activities as the Sec-  
9           retary determines appropriate.”.

10          (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents  
11          in section 1(b) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002  
12          (Public Law 107–296) is amended by inserting after the  
13          item relating to section 320 the following:

“Sec. 321. National Urban Security Technology Laboratory.”.