

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 3578
OFFERED BY MR. THOMPSON OF MISSISSIPPI**

Page 9, line 13, strike “(B)”.

Page 9, lines 14 and 18, redesignate clauses (i) and (ii) as subclauses (I) and (II), respectively, and move such subclauses two ems to the right.

Page 9, beginning line 14, insert the following:

1 (i) in subparagraph (B)—

Page 9, beginning line 21, insert the following:

2 (ii) by amending subparagraph (D) to
3 read as follows:

4 “(D) ANNUAL REPORT TO CONGRESS.—

5 Not later than one year after the date of the
6 enactment of this subparagraph and annually
7 thereafter, the Secretary shall submit to Con-
8 gress a report on the implementation of this
9 section. Each such report shall—

10 “(i) indicate which center or centers
11 have been designated pursuant to this sec-
12 tion;

1 “(ii) describe how such designation or
2 designations enhance homeland security;

3 “(iii) provide information on any deci-
4 sions to revoke or modify such designation
5 or designations;

6 “(iv) describe research that has been
7 tasked and completed by each center that
8 has been designated during the preceding
9 year;

10 “(v) describe funding provided by the
11 Secretary for each center under clause (iv)
12 for that year; and

13 “(vi) describe plans for utilization of
14 each center or? centers in the forthcoming
15 year.”; and

Page 37, beginning line 17, insert the following (and
redesignate subsequent subsections accordingly):

16 (f) GAO STUDY OF UNIVERSITY-BASED CENTERS.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days
18 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
19 Comptroller General of the United States shall ini-
20 tiate a study to assess the university-based centers
21 for homeland security program authorized by section
22 308(b)(2) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6
23 U.S.C. 188(b)(2)), and provide recommendations to

1 the Committee on Homeland Security and the Com-
2 mittee on Science, Space, and Technology of the
3 House of Representatives and the Committee on
4 Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the
5 Senate for appropriate improvements.

6 (2) SUBJECT MATTERS.—The study required
7 under subsection (a) shall include the following:

8 (A) A review of the Department of Home-
9 land Security's efforts to identify key areas of
10 study needed to support the homeland security
11 mission, and criteria that the Department uti-
12 lized to determine such key areas for which the
13 Department should maintain, establish, or
14 eliminate university-based centers.

15 (B) A review of the method by which uni-
16 versity-based centers, federally funded research
17 and development centers, and Department of
18 Energy national laboratories receive tasking
19 from the Department of Homeland Security, in-
20 cluding a review of how university-based re-
21 search is identified, prioritized, and funded.

22 (C) A review of selection criteria for desig-
23 nating university-based centers and a weighting
24 of such criteria.

1 (D) An examination of best practices from
2 other departments' and agencies' efforts to or-
3 ganize and use university-based research to
4 support their missions.

5 (E) A review of the Department of Home-
6 land Security's criteria and metrics to measure
7 demonstrable progress achieved by university-
8 based centers in fulfilling Department taskings,
9 and mechanisms for delivering and dissemi-
10 nating the research results of designated uni-
11 versity-based centers within the Department
12 and to other Federal, State, and local agencies.

13 (F) An examination of the means by which
14 academic institutions that are not designated or
15 associated with the designated university-based
16 centers can optimally contribute to the research
17 mission of the Directorate of Science and Tech-
18 nology of the Department of Homeland Secu-
19 rity.

20 (G) An assessment of the interrelationship
21 between the different university-based centers
22 and the degree to which outreach and collabora-
23 tion among a diverse array of academic institu-
24 tions is encouraged by the Department of
25 Homeland Security, particularly with histori-

1 cally Black colleges and universities and minor-
2 ity-serving institutions.

3 (H) A review of any other essential ele-
4 ments of the programs determined in the con-
5 duct of the study.

