

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE  
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 2646  
OFFERED BY MRS. CAPPS OF CALIFORNIA**

Add at the appropriate place the following:

1 **SEC. 2. ENHANCING BASIC AND APPLIED RESEARCH ON**  
2 **PAIN TO DISCOVER THERAPIES, INCLUDING**  
3 **ALTERNATIVES TO OPIOIDS, FOR EFFECTIVE**  
4 **PAIN MANAGEMENT.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the National In-  
6 stitutes of Health (referred to in this section as the  
7 “NIH”) may intensify and coordinate fundamental,  
8 translational, and clinical research of the NIH with re-  
9 spect to—

- 10 (1) the understanding of pain;  
11 (2) the discovery and development of therapies  
12 for chronic pain; and  
13 (3) the development of alternatives to opioids  
14 for effective pain treatments.

15 (b) PRIORITY AND DIRECTION.—The prioritization  
16 and direction of the federally funded portfolio of pain re-  
17 search studies shall consider recommendations made by  
18 the Interagency Pain Research Coordinating Committee in  
19 concert with the Pain Management Best Practices Inter-

1 Agency Task Force, and in accordance with the National  
2 Pain Strategy, the Federal Pain Research Strategy, and  
3 the NIH–Wide Strategic Plan for Fiscal Years 2016–  
4 2020, the latter which calls for the relative burdens of in-  
5 dividual diseases and medical disorders to be regarded as  
6 crucial considerations in balancing the priorities of the  
7 Federal research portfolio.

