

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO THE COMMITTEE PRINT FOR SUBTITLE J
OFFERED BY MR. CARTER OF GEORGIA**

Page 30, after line 16, insert the following:

1 SEC. 31032. GAIN-OF-FUNCTION RESEARCH.

2 (a) PROHIBITION.—During the period ending on Sep-
3 tember 30, 2026, the National Institutes of Health shall
4 not conduct or support, directly or indirectly, including
5 through subgrants, any gain-of-function research that may
6 be reasonably anticipated to confer attributes to any influ-
7 enza virus or coronavirus (including any coronavirus that
8 is associated with severe acute respiratory syndrome) such
9 that the virus would have enhanced pathogenicity or trans-
10 missibility in mammals via the respiratory route.

11 (b) LIMITATION.—This section does not apply to
12 characterization or testing of any naturally occurring in-
13 fluenza virus or coronavirus, unless the characterization
14 or testing is anticipated to increase pathogenicity or trans-
15 missibility.

