

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5005, AS REPORTED**OFFERED BY _____**

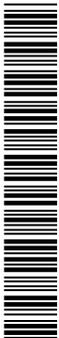
At the end of title III, insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. 309. HOMELAND SECURITY SCIENCE AND TECH-**
2 **NOLOGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**

3 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established within
4 the Department a Homeland Security Science and Tech-
5 nology Advisory Committee (in this section referred to as
6 the “Advisory Committee”). The Advisory Committee
7 shall make recommendations with respect to the activities
8 of the Under Secretary for Science and Technology, in-
9 cluding identifying research areas of potential importance
10 to the security of the Nation.

11 (b) MEMBERSHIP.—

12 (1) APPOINTMENT.—The Advisory Committee
13 shall consist of 20 members appointed by the Under
14 Secretary for Science and Technology, which shall
15 include emergency first-responders or representatives
16 of organizations or associations of emergency first-
17 responders. The Advisory Committee shall also in-
18 clude representatives of citizen groups, including
19 economically disadvantaged communities. The indi-



1 viduals appointed as members of the Advisory
2 Committee—

3 (A) shall be eminent in fields such as
4 emergency response, research, engineering, new
5 product development, business, and manage-
6 ment consulting;

7 (B) shall be selected solely on the basis of
8 established records of distinguished service;

9 (C) shall not be employees of the Federal
10 Government; and

11 (D) shall be so selected as to provide rep-
12 resentation of a cross-section of the research,
13 development, demonstration, and deployment
14 activities supported by the Under Secretary for
15 Science and Technology.

16 (2) NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL.—The
17 Under Secretary for Science and Technology may
18 enter into an arrangement for the National Research
19 Council to select members of the Advisory Com-
20 mittee, but only if the panel used by the National
21 Research Council reflects the representation de-
22 scribed in paragraph (1).

23 (c) TERMS OF OFFICE.—



1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as otherwise pro-
2 vided in this subsection, the term of office of each
3 member of the Advisory Committee shall be 3 years.

4 (2) ORIGINAL APPOINTMENTS.—The original
5 members of the Advisory Committee shall be ap-
6 pointed to three classes of three members each. One
7 class shall have a term of one year, one a term of
8 two years, and the other a term of three years.

9 (3) VACANCIES.—A member appointed to fill a
10 vacancy occurring before the expiration of the term
11 for which the member's predecessor was appointed
12 shall be appointed for the remainder of such term.

13 (d) ELIGIBILITY.—A person who has completed two
14 consecutive full terms of service on the Advisory Com-
15 mittee shall thereafter be ineligible for appointment during
16 the one-year period following the expiration of the second
17 such term.

18 (e) MEETINGS.—The Advisory Committee shall meet
19 at least quarterly at the call of the Chair or whenever one-
20 third of the members so request in writing. Each member
21 shall be given appropriate notice of the call of each meet-
22 ing, whenever possible not less than 15 days before the
23 meeting.

24 (f) QUORUM.—A majority of the members of the Ad-
25 visory Committee not having a conflict of interest in the



1 matter being considered by the Advisory Committee shall
2 constitute a quorum.

3 (g) CONFLICT OF INTEREST RULES.—The Advisory
4 Committee shall establish rules for determining when one
5 of its members has a conflict of interest in a matter being
6 considered by the Advisory Committee.

7 (h) REPORTS.—

8 (1) ANNUAL REPORT.—The Advisory Com-
9 mittee shall render an annual report to the Under
10 Secretary for Science and Technology for transmittal
11 to the Congress on or before January 31 of each
12 year. Such report shall describe the activities and
13 recommendations of the Advisory Committee during
14 the previous year.

15 (2) ADDITIONAL REPORTS.—The Advisory
16 Committee may render to the Under Secretary for
17 transmittal to the Congress such additional reports
18 on specific policy matters as it considers appro-
19 priate.

20 (i) FACA EXEMPTION.—Section 14 of the Federal
21 Advisory Committee Act shall not apply to the Advisory
22 Committee.

Amend the table of contents accordingly.

