AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2763

OFFERED BY MR. HIGGINS OF LOUISIANA

At the end of the bill, add the following:

SEC. 7. ENCOURAGING INNOVATION IN CYBERSECURITY.

Section 9 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 638) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(tt) ENCOURAGING INNOVATION IN CYBERSECURITY.—In carrying out this section, the Administrator shall—

“(1) ensure that, in selecting small business concerns to participate in SBIR or STTR programs under this section, Federal agencies give high priority to small business concerns that are engaged in cybersecurity research and development, for the purpose of developing and implementing technology services and products to strengthen the security of United States Government and private computer systems, including software, hardware, and portable devices; and

“(2) include in the annual report to Congress under subsection (b)(7) a determination of whether
the priority described in paragraph (1) is being carried out.”.