AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2225
OFFERED BY MR. LATURNER OF KANSAS

Page 34, after line 21, insert the following new subsection (h):

(h) CONTINUING SUPPORT FOR EPSCoR.—

(1) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—It is the sense of Congress that—

(i) since maintaining the Nation’s scientific and economic leadership requires the participation of talented individuals nationwide, EPSCoR investments into State research and education capacities are in the Federal interest and should be sustained; and

(ii) EPSCoR should maintain its experimental component by supporting innovative methods for improving research capacity and competitiveness.

(B) DEFINITION OF EPSCoR.—In this subsection, the term “EPSCoR” has the meaning given the term in section 502 of the America

(2) UPDATE OF EPSCOR.—Section 517(f)(2) of the America COMPETES Reauthorization Act of 2010 (42 U.S.C. 1862p–9(f)(2)) is amended—

(A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “and” at the end; and

(B) by adding at the end the following:

“(C) to increase the capacity of rural communities to provide quality STEM education and STEM workforce development programming to students, and teachers; and”.