

AMENDMENT TO DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS BILL
OFFERED BY MR. FATTAH OF PENNSYLVANIA

In the Committee Report, at the appropriate place under the heading “DEFENSE HEALTH PROGRAM”, insert the following:

1 “FEDERAL NEUROSCIENCE WORKING GROUP
2 “The Committee is aware that the Office of Science
3 and Technology Policy, within the Executive Office of the
4 President, is establishing an interagency working group
5 under the auspices of the National Science and Tech-
6 nology Council (NSTC) to coordinate investments in neu-
7 roscience research across the Federal Government and le-
8 verage the potential for significant, transformative ad-
9 vances in our fundamental understanding of learning,
10 brain development, and brain health and recovery. The
11 goal of the working group is to help coordinate, focus, and
12 enhance Federal efforts related to neuroscience, including
13 efforts to develop future clinical treatments for traumatic
14 and acquired brain injuries; increase our understanding
15 of cognition and apply that knowledge to the improvement
16 of education and learning; and improve our understanding
17 of, and develop better therapies for, neurodegenerative dis-
18 eases, childhood developmental disorders, and other neuro-

1 logical conditions. The Committee supports the activities
2 of the NSTC Neuroscience Working Group and urges the
3 Department of Defense to play an active role in it.”.

