

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1806**  
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At the end of title III, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 308. SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL CONFERENCES.**

2 It is the sense of Congress that—

3 (1) cooperative research and development activi-  
4 ties, including collaboration between domestic and  
5 international government, industry, and academic  
6 science and engineering organizations, are important  
7 to promoting innovation and knowledge creation;

8 (2) scientific and technical conferences and  
9 trade events support the sharing of information,  
10 processes, and data within the scientific and engi-  
11 neering communities;

12 (3) in hosting and attending scientific and tech-  
13 nical conferences and trade events, Federal agen-  
14 cies—

15 (A) gain greater access to top researchers  
16 and to new and potentially transformative  
17 ideas;

18 (B) keep abreast of developments relevant  
19 to their respective missions, as is relevant for  
20 future program planning;

1 (C) help disseminate Federal research re-  
2 sults;

3 (D) provide opportunities both for em-  
4 ployee professional development and for recruit-  
5 ing new employees;

6 (E) participate in scientific peer review;  
7 and

8 (F) support the reputation, visibility, and  
9 leadership both of the specific agency and of  
10 the United States; and

11 (4) for those Federal agencies that provide fi-  
12 nancial support for external research and develop-  
13 ment activities, participation in scientific and tech-  
14 nical conferences can help ensure that funds are di-  
15 rected toward the most promising ideas, thereby  
16 maximizing the Federal investment.

