

**AMENDMENT TO THE COMMITTEE PRINT  
OFFERED BY MR. CRITZ OF PENNSYLVANIA**

Page 87, after line 6, insert the following (and conform the table of contents accordingly):

1 **SEC. 505. PREFERENCE FOR HYDRAULIC FRACTURING RE-**  
2 **SEARCH.**

3 Section 9 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 638),  
4 as amended by this Act, is further amended by adding  
5 at the end the following:

6 “(qq) HYDRAULIC FRACTURING RESEARCH PREF-  
7 ERENCE.—In making awards under this section, a Federal  
8 agency shall give priority to applications in a manner that  
9 increases the number of SBIR and STTR award recipients  
10 conducting research related to reducing the environmental  
11 impact, including with respect to water quality, of the use  
12 of hydraulic fracturing during natural gas exploration ac-  
13 tivities.”.

