

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 8266
OFFERED BY MR. GRAVES OF LOUISIANA**

Page 5, after line 22, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 4. REPORT ON STAFFORD ACT RESPONSE CAPABILI-**
2 **TIES.**

3 Not later than 60 days after the date of enactment
4 of this Act, the Administrator of the Federal Emergency
5 Management Agency shall seek to enter into an agreement
6 with the National Academy of Sciences to convene a com-
7 mittee of experts to conduct a comprehensive study on the
8 use of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emer-
9 gency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.) to respond
10 to an emergency which does not cause physical damages,
11 such as the emergency declaration issued by the President
12 on March 13, 2020, including—

13 (1) how non-physical damages can be quan-
14 tified;

15 (2) consideration of any factors that allow for
16 an adjustment of cost shares;

17 (3) recommendations to Congress on thresholds
18 or criteria to be met to trigger a future declaration;
19 and

1 (4) other items that the Administrator deter-
2 mines necessary to increase future preparedness to
3 such events.

