AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT FOR H.R. 1735

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At the end of subtitle C of title II, add the following new section:

1	SEC. 226. COMMERCIAL-OFF-THE-SHELF WIDE-AREA SUR-
2	VEILLANCE SYSTEMS FOR ARMY TACTICAL
3	UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS.
4	(a) Sense of Congress.—Congress finds that—
5	(1) unmanned aerial systems provide the mili-
6	tary services with high-endurance, wide-area surveil-
7	lance;
8	(2) wide-area surveillance has proven to be a
9	significant force multiplier for intelligence gathering
10	and dismounted infantry operations;
11	(3) currently fielded wide-area surveillance sen-
12	sors are too heavy to be incorporated into tactical
13	unmanned aerial systems; and
14	(4) the growing commercial market for un-
15	manned aerial systems with full-motion video sensors
16	may offer a commercial-off-the-shelf solution suitable
17	for use on the military services' tactical unmanned
18	aerial systems.

1	(b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
2	of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Army
3	shall submit to the congressional defense committees a re-
4	port that contains the findings of a market survey and
5	flight assessment of commercial-off-the-shelf wide-area
6	surveillance sensors suitable for insertion into Army tac-
7	tical unmanned aerial systems.
8	(c) Elements.—The market survey and flight as-
9	sessment required by subsection (b) shall include—
10	(1) specific details regarding the capabilities of
11	current and commercial-off-the-shelf wide-area sur-
12	veillance sensors utilized on the Army unmanned
13	aerial systems, including—
14	(A) daytime and nighttime monitoring cov-
15	erage;
16	(B) video resolution outputs;
17	(C) bandwidth requirements;
18	(D) activity-based intelligence and forensic
19	capabilities;
20	(E) simultaneous region of interest moni-
21	toring capability;
22	(F) interoperability with other sensors and
23	subsystems currently utilized on Army tactical
24	unmanned aerial systems;
25	(G) sensor weight;

1	(H) sensor cost; and
2	(I) any other factors the Secretary deems
3	relevant;
4	(2) an assessment of the impact on Army tac-
5	tical unmanned aerial systems due to the insertion
6	of commercial-off-the-shelf wide-area surveillance
7	sensors; and
8	(3) recommendations to upgrade or enhance the
9	wide-area surveillance sensors of Army tactical un-
10	manned aerial systems, as deemed appropriate by
11	the Secretary.
12	(d) FORM.—The report required under subsection (b)
13	may contain a classified annex.
14	(e) Definition.—In this section, the term "Army
15	tactical unmanned aerial systems" includes, at minimum,
16	the MQ-1C Grey Eagle, the MQ-1 Predator, and the
17	MQ-9 Reaper.

