

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
FOR H.R. 4909
OFFERED BY MR. MEEHAN OF PENNSYLVANIA**

At the end of subtitle C of title XVI of division A,
add the following new section:

1 **SEC. ____ . SENSE OF CONGRESS ON CYBER RESILIENCY OF**
2 **THE NETWORKS AND COMMUNICATIONS SYS-**
3 **TEMS OF THE NATIONAL GUARD.**

4 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

5 (1) Army and Air National Guard personnel
6 need to have situational awareness and reliable com-
7 munications during any of the following events oc-
8 ccurring in the United States:

9 (A) A terrorist attack.

10 (B) An intentional or unintentional release
11 of chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, or
12 high-yield explosive materials.

13 (C) A natural or man-made disaster.

14 (2) During such an event, it is vital that Army
15 and Air National Guard personnel are able to com-
16 municate and coordinate response efforts with their
17 own units and appropriate civilian emergency re-
18 sponse forces.

1 (3) Current networks and communications sys-
2 tems of the National Guard, including commercial
3 wireless solutions (such as mobile wireless kinetic
4 mesh), and other systems that are interoperable with
5 the systems of civilian first responders, should pro-
6 vide the necessary robustness, interoperability, reli-
7 ability, and resilience to extend needed situational
8 awareness and communications to all users and
9 under all operating conditions, including degraded
10 communications environments where infrastructure
11 is damaged or destroyed or under cyber attack or
12 disruption.

13 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
14 gress that the National Guard should be constantly seek-
15 ing ways to improve and expand its communications and
16 networking capabilities to provide for enhanced perform-
17 ance and resilience in the face of cyber attacks or disrup-
18 tions, as well as other instances of degradation.

