AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE

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At the end of subtitle F of title I of division B, add the following:

SEC. 1640. COMPTROLLER GENERAL REPORT ON HIGH-SPEED INTERNET CONNECTIVITY IN FEDERALLY-ASSISTED HOUSING.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit to Congress a report on broadband service in Federally-assisted housing.

(b) CONTENTS.—The report required under subsection (a) shall include—

(1) an analysis of Federally-assisted housing units that have access to broadband service and the number of such units that do not have access to broadband service, disaggregated by State, county, and congressional district, that includes geographic information and any Federal agency responsible for such units;

(2) an analysis of which such units are not currently capable of supporting broadband service de-
ployment and would require retrofitting to support broadband service deployment, disaggregated by State, county, and congressional district, that includes geographic information and any Federal agency responsible for such units;

(3) an analysis of the estimated costs and time-frame necessary for retrofitting buildings to achieve 100 percent access to broadband service;

(4) an analysis of the challenges to more widespread deployment of broadband service, including the comparative markets dynamics to expansion in rural areas and low-income urban areas, and the challenges to pursuing retrofits to achieve 100 percent access to broadband service;

(5) descriptions of lessons learned from previous retrofitting actions;

(6) an evaluation of the ConnectHome pilot program of the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; and

(7) recommendations for Congress for achieving 100 percent access to broadband service in Federally-assisted housing.

(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) BROADBAND SERVICE.—The term “broadband service” has the meaning given the term
“broadband internet access service” in section 8.1(b) of title 47, Code of Federal Regulations, or any successor regulation.

(2) FEDERALLY-ASSISTED HOUSING.—In this section, the term “Federally-assisted housing” means—

(A) any single-family or multifamily housing that is assisted under a program administered by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development or the Secretary of Agriculture; or

(B) housing eligible for a Federal low-income housing tax credit.