

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 119-8**  
**OFFERED BY MR. BIGGS OF ARIZONA**

Add at the end of subtitle A of title XVII of division  
A the following:

1   **SEC. 1703. RESEARCH CENTER FOR DEEP-SPACE AND**  
2                   **INTERPLANETARY RESEARCH.**

3           (a) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of the Na-  
4 tional Aeronautics and Space Administration, using the  
5 authority under section 3204(a)(3)(B) of title 10, United  
6 States Code, shall—

7               (1) establish a university-affiliated research  
8 center to facilitate capabilities in support of the Na-  
9 tional Aeronautics and Space Administration;

10              (2) use such a university-affiliated research cen-  
11 ter to fund analyses and engineering support related  
12 to cis-lunar and deep-space missions and interplan-  
13 etary research; and

14              (3) ensure such a university-affiliated research  
15 center—

16                   (A) is held accountable for the technical  
17 quality of the work product developed under  
18 this section; and

1 (B) has established expertise in convening  
2 academic and private sector groups to facilitate  
3 research and private-public partnerships.

4 (b) POLICIES AND PROCEDURES.—The Adminis-  
5 trator shall develop and implement policies and procedures  
6 to govern, with respect to the establishment of the univer-  
7 sity-affiliated research center under subsection (a)—

8 (1) the selection of participants;

9 (2) the award of cooperative agreements or  
10 other contracts;

11 (3) the appropriate use of competitive awards  
12 and sole source awards; and

13 (4) the technical capabilities required.

14 (c) ELIGIBILITY.—The following entities shall be eli-  
15 gible to participate in a university-affiliated research cen-  
16 ter established under subsection (a):

17 (1) An institution of higher education (as such  
18 term is defined in section 102 of the Higher Edu-  
19 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1002)).

20 (2) An operator of a federally funded research  
21 and development center.

22 (3) A nonprofit or not-for-profit research insti-  
23 tution.

