

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 119-33
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In section 1504(b), strike “and” at the end of paragraph (2); strike the period at the end of paragraph (3) and insert “; and”; and add after paragraph (3) the following new paragraph:

1 (4) assessment of communications resiliency
2 and connectivity vulnerabilities affecting critical in-
3 frastructure that supports military operations, home-
4 land defense missions, and defense support to civil
5 authorities in remote tribal and rural communities
6 located along the southern border of the United
7 States, including—

8 (A) evaluation of technologies utilized, sup-
9 ported, or procured by the Department of De-
10 fense, including satellite communications sys-
11 tems and other advanced communications tech-
12 nologies, that could improve communications re-
13 siliency in such areas;

14 (B) identification of opportunities to lever-
15 age or improve existing Federal, State, Tribal,
16 and local infrastructure to strengthen commu-

1 communications capabilities in support of military
2 readiness and homeland defense objectives;

3 (C) recommendations regarding phased im-
4 plementation strategies for improving commu-
5 nications capabilities and broadband availability
6 for tribal populations and rural communities
7 using technologies utilized by the Department
8 of Defense; and

9 (D) coordination with Indian Tribes and,
10 as appropriate, the Secretary of Homeland Se-
11 curity, State and local governments, and other
12 relevant entities to strengthen communications
13 capabilities in strategically important border re-
14 gions.

