

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 118-1
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Page 1, after line 3, insert the following and redesignate accordingly:

1 SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

2 Congress finds the following:

3 (1) Big Tech platforms use their market power
4 to silence free speech online.

5 (2) A heavily concentrated digital economy
6 harms Americans and limits their freedoms.

7 (3) The harms of concentration in the digital
8 economy include limited channels of information,
9 limited to no opportunity for business competition or
10 innovation, and limited choice for consumers.

11 (4) These limitations result in the censorship of
12 Americans who have nowhere to turn when a Big
13 Tech platform unilaterally removes a person's ability
14 to share information and interact online.

15 (5) Big Tech platforms have no incentive to
16 protect the free speech of Americans when there is
17 no threat of losing users to competitors; there are no
18 competitors.

1 (6) Big Tech platforms are emboldened to con-
2 tinue acting as arbiters of truth because they have
3 not only the blessing but also the directive of govern-
4 ment actors.

5 (7) Big Tech platforms would treat their users
6 with more respect and less censorship if they were
7 competing with other platforms for their business.

8 (8) Therefore, censorship is a direct result of
9 market concentration and a lack of competition in
10 the digital economy. In other words, censorship hap-
11 pens because there are no alternatives in the mar-
12 ketplace.

