

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 119–**8****OFFERED BY MR. CUELLAR OF TEXAS**

At the end of subtitle F of title X, insert the following:

1 SEC. 10____. IMPROVED RESPONSE TO UNMANNED AERIAL
2 SYSTEMS ALONG UNITED STATES-MEXICO
3 BORDER.

4 (a) PILOT PROGRAM.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense,
6 acting through the Commander of the United States
7 Northern Command and in coordination with the
8 Secretary of Homeland Security and the Secretary
9 of Transportation, shall carry out a pilot program
10 under which the Secretary shall test, evaluate, and
11 validate counter-unmanned aircraft systems and re-
12 lated detection technologies (including, as appro-
13 priate, radar, signal-intercept, multispectral/thermal
14 sensors, RF direction-finding, unattended ground
15 sensors, and mobile detection nodes) in areas along
16 the land border between the United States and Mex-
17 ico that the Secretary identifies as high-priority sec-
18 tors to improve detection, tracking, identification,

1 and interdiction of unauthorized or hostile un-
2 manned aerial systems and related threat vectors.

3 (2) AUTHORIZED ACTIVITIES.—In carrying out
4 the pilot program under this subsection, the Sec-
5 retary may authorize testing, evaluation, training,
6 technical support, equipment provision, and advisory
7 functions consistent with applicable law. Nothing in
8 this section shall be construed to authorize members
9 of the Armed Forces to perform domestic law-en-
10 forcement functions.

11 (3) PROPERTY TRANSFER.—Any property
12 transferred under the pilot program shall be trans-
13 ferred in accordance with section 2576a of title 10,
14 United States Code.

15 (b) INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE.—

16 (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of De-
17 fense shall establish an interagency task force to co-
18 ordinate requirements, rapid prototyping and acqui-
19 sition authorities, interoperability testing, pilot-to-
20 persistent transition decisions, and transfer proto-
21 cols.

22 (2) MEMBERS.—The task force shall include
23 members from the Department of Homeland Secu-
24 rity, the Department of Transportation, and other
25 relevant Federal departments and agencies.

1 (3) COORDINATION.—The task force shall co-
2 ordinate with the Administrator of the Federal Avia-
3 tion Administration on airspace management and
4 with the Secretary of Homeland Security on privacy,
5 civil-liberties, and environmental safeguards.

6 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
7 of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter for
8 each of the subsequent two years, the Secretary of De-
9 fense, in coordination with the Secretary of Homeland Se-
10 curity, shall submit to the congressional defense commit-
11 tees a report on the pilot program under subsection (a).
12 Each such report shall include—

13 (1) an identification of the high-priority sectors
14 selected for the pilot program and the rationale for
15 such selection;

16 (2) measured performance against defined oper-
17 ational metrics;

18 (3) an identification of acquisition and funding
19 actions and interoperability issues;

20 (4) lessons learned; and

21 (5) the recommendation of the Secretary with
22 respect to whether to continue the pilot program or
23 transfer the program to the Department of Home-
24 land Security or to a State.

