AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 116-19

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At the end of subtitle C of title II, add the following new section:

SEC. 2. EFFORTS TO COUNTER MANIPULATED MEDIA CONTENT.

(a) BRIEFING REQUIRED.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall provide to the congressional defense committees a briefing on initiatives of the Department of Defense to identify and address, as appropriate and as authorized in support of Department of Defense operations, manipulated media content, specifically “deepfakes”.

(2) ELEMENTS.—The briefing required by paragraph (1) shall include the following:

(A) Status of efforts to develop technology to identify manipulated content impacting the national security of the United States.
(B) Challenges to detecting, labeling, and preventing foreign actors’ manipulation of images and video impacting national security.

(C) Plans to make deepfake detection technology available to the public and other Federal agencies for use in identifying manipulated media.

(D) The efforts of the Department of Defense, as appropriate, to engage academia and industry stakeholders to combat deliberately manipulated or deceptive information from state and non-state actors on social media platforms impacting operations overseas.

(E) An assessment of the ability of adversaries to generate deepfakes.

(F) Recommendations for a long-term transition partner organization.

(b) FUNDING.—

(1) INCREASE.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 201 for research, development, test, and evaluation, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4201, for research, development, test, and evaluation, Defense-wide, applied research, SOF tech-
nology development, line 022 (PE 1160401BB) is hereby increased by $5,000,000 (with the amount of such increase to be made available for Media Forensics).

(2) OFFSET.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 201 for research, development, test, and evaluation, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4201 for research, development, test, and evaluation, Air Force, operational systems development, AF integrated personnel and pay system (AF-IPPS), line 158 (PE 0605018F) is hereby reduced by $5,000,000.

(c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section shall be construed to authorize an activity that will impact the privacy or civil liberties of United States persons.