

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
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Page 707, line 17, strike the closing quotation marks and the final period.

Page 707, after line 17, insert the following:

1 “(k) ALIGNING NATIONAL CHALLENGES AND DIS-
2 SEMINATING INFORMATION.—

3 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall con-
4 duct research and development activities—

5 “(A) to establish a nationally coordinated
6 highway research agenda that—

7 “(i) focuses on topics of national sig-
8 nificance;

9 “(ii) addresses current gaps in re-
10 search;

11 “(iii) encourages collaboration;

12 “(iv) reduces unnecessary duplication
13 of effort; and

14 “(v) accelerates innovation delivery;
15 and

1 “(B) to provide relevant information to re-
2 searchers and highway and transportation prac-
3 titioners to improve the performance of the
4 transportation system.

5 “(2) ACTIVITIES.—Research and technology ac-
6 tivities carried out under this subsection may in-
7 clude—

8 “(A) coordination, development, and imple-
9 mentation of a national highway research agen-
10 da;

11 “(B) collaboration on national emphasis
12 areas of highway research and coordination
13 among international, Federal, State, and uni-
14 versity research programs;

15 “(C) development and delivery of research
16 reports and innovation delivery messages;

17 “(D) identification of market-ready tech-
18 nologies and innovations; and

19 “(E) provision of access to data developed
20 under this subsection to the public, including
21 researchers, stakeholders, and customers,
22 through a publicly accessible Internet site.”.

