AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE
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At the end of title VII, add the following new section:

SEC. 7. STUDY AND REPORT ON USE OF FEDERAL FINANCING BANK BY NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE.

(a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) the commercial space industrial base of the United States should be expanded, in light of growing competition from foreign governments and international companies with respect to space-based remote sensing capabilities;

(2) the United States Government should support the needs of members of the Armed Forces and personnel of the intelligence community worldwide who require imagery and actionable information to perform day-to-day duties; and

(3) the National Reconnaissance Office should take a more proactive approach in using resources of the United States Government to leverage and inte-
grate new commercial capabilities of the United States that could result in providing highly desired products for members of the Armed Forces and personnel of the intelligence community worldwide.

(b) STUDY AND REPORT.—

(1) STUDY.—The Director of the National Reconnaissance Office, in collaboration with the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, the Secretary of the Treasury, and a commercial entity familiar with the Federal Financing Bank, shall study methods for leveraging the lending program of the Federal Financing Bank to assist small commercial entities to develop and implement a system based upon geostationary satellites with the capability to capture and distribute immediate and continuous images of the Earth every day for 24 hours per day.

(2) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director shall submit to the congressional intelligence committees a report containing the results of the study under paragraph (1).