

**AMENDMENT TO**  
**RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 119-33**  
**OFFERED BY MR. NUNN OF IOWA**

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

1 **SEC. 2\_\_\_.** **PROTOTYPE HYPERSONIC AIRFRAME PLAT-**  
2 **FORM FOR LAYERED HOMELAND DEFENSE.**

3 (a) **PROGRAM REQUIRED.**—The Secretary of De-  
4 fense, acting through the Under Secretary of Defense for  
5 Acquisition and Sustainment, shall establish a program to  
6 develop, manufacture, and test a modular hypersonic air-  
7 frame platform to support hypersonic defense readiness,  
8 enhance high-temperature structural manufacturing ca-  
9 pacity, and enable rapid testing of next-generation defen-  
10 sive systems.

11 (b) **MANUFACTURING REQUIREMENTS.**—In carrying  
12 out the program under subsection (a), the Secretary shall  
13 utilize advanced domestic manufacturing methods that are  
14 software-defined and driven by artificial intelligence (AI),  
15 including—

- 16 (1) AI-optimized robotic forming;  
17 (2) additive and subtractive manufacturing; and

1           (3) tooling-free, deployable manufacturing plat-  
2 forms capable of fabricating complex geometries  
3 using multiple high-temperature alloys on a unified  
4 manufacturing cell.

5           (c) USE OF PROTOTYPES.—The prototype airframes  
6 developed under this section shall be designed for multiuse  
7 capability to support layered homeland defense, including  
8 deployment as—

9           (1) flight-representative structures for static,  
10 thermal, and environmental testing;

11           (2) test vehicles for offensive and defensive  
12 hypersonic systems; and

13           (3) surrogate targets for intercept testing.

14           (d) FUNDING.—Of the funds authorized to be appro-  
15 priated by this Act for fiscal year 2027 for Research, De-  
16 velopment, Test, and Evaluation, Defense-wide, up to  
17 \$20,000,000 may be made available to carry out the pro-  
18 gram under this section.

