

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
OF H.R. 7
OFFERED BY MS. JACKSON LEE OF TEXAS**

At the end of title XIII, add the following:

1 **SEC. 13004. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING DISADVAN-**
2 **TAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES.**

3 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
4 gress that—

5 (1) the Secretary should take steps to provide
6 assistance to disadvantaged business enterprises
7 seeking to be awarded highway and transit project
8 contracts;

9 (2) the Secretary and other appropriate heads
10 of Federal agencies should conduct public informa-
11 tion campaigns to advise small, minority, and
12 women-owned business firms with respect to feder-
13 ally funded highway and transit contracts; and

14 (3) firms that are awarded contracts should, to
15 the extent practicable, seek to award subcontracts to
16 Disadvantaged Business Enterprises, which includes
17 small, minority, and women-owned businesses.

18 (b) PROGRESS REPORT.—Every 6 months after the
19 date of enactment of this Act, the Department of Trans-

1 portation shall submit to Congress a report regarding con-
2 tracts awarded under this Act or the amendments made
3 by this Act. Each such report shall indicate, as of the date
4 of the submission of such report, the business firms and
5 Disadvantaged Business Enterprises awarded contracts
6 and subcontracts, including those contracts entered into
7 by a State using funds made available under this Act or
8 the amendments made by this Act.

