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:

SEC. 13004. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES.

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

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

(2) the Secretary and other appropriate heads of Federal agencies should conduct public information campaigns to advise small, minority, and women-owned business firms with respect to federally funded highway and transit contracts; and

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

(b) PROGRESS REPORT.—Every 6 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Department of Trans-
portation shall submit to Congress a report regarding contracts awarded under this Act or the amendments made by this Act. Each such report shall indicate, as of the date of the submission of such report, the business firms and Disadvantaged Business Enterprises awarded contracts and subcontracts, including those contracts entered into by a State using funds made available under this Act or the amendments made by this Act.