

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
OF H.R. 3523
OFFERED BY MS. JACKSON LEE OF TEXAS**

At the end of the bill, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 3. MINORITY AND WOMEN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE**

2 **OUTREACH.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Secu-
4 rity shall—

5 (1) as part of the ongoing efforts of the Depart-
6 ment of Homeland Security aimed at diversity and
7 inclusion, actively reach out to, and develop partner-
8 ships in procurement and contracting with minority
9 and women owned business enterprises and syn-
10 dicates as the Secretary looks to develop and cul-
11 tivate partnerships in the private sector;

12 (2) provide non-financial assistance to small
13 businesses owned and controlled by socially and eco-
14 nomically disadvantaged individuals from previously
15 appropriated funds, and to enter into contracts with
16 other government agencies that are subcontracted to
17 such firms; and

1 (3) establish practicable guidelines to ensure de-
2 livery and compliance with this section across the
3 Federal Government.

4 (b) SOCIAL DISADVANTAGED INDIVIDUAL DE-
5 FINED.—In this section, the term “socially disadvantaged
6 individual” means—

7 (1) an individual who has been subject to racial
8 or ethnic prejudice or cultural bias because of the
9 identity of such individual as a member of a group
10 without regard to the individual qualities of such in-
11 dividual;

12 (2) an economically disadvantaged individual; or

13 (3) an individual who, because of the gender of
14 such individual, is unable to compete in the free en-
15 terprise system and has been impaired due to dimin-
16 ished capital and credit opportunities as compared
17 to others in the same business area who are not so-
18 cially disadvantaged.

