

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 117-

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At the end of subtitle D of title VIII, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 8___. PILOT PROGRAM ON DEFENSE INNOVATION**

2 **OPEN TOPICS.**

3 (a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—Not later than 180 days after
4 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of De-
5 fense, in coordination with the Under Secretary of Defense
6 for Research and Engineering, the Secretary of the Air
7 Force, Secretary of the Army, and Secretary of the Navy,
8 shall establish defense innovation open topic activities
9 using the Small Business Innovation Research Program
10 in order to—

11 (1) increase the transition of commercial tech-
12 nology to the Department of Defense;

13 (2) expand the small business nontraditional
14 defense industrial base;

15 (3) increase commercialization derived from de-
16 fense investments;

17 (4) increase diversity and participation among
18 self-certified small-disadvantaged businesses, minor-

1 ity-owned businesses, and disabled veteran-owned
2 businesses; and

3 (5) expand the ability for qualifying small busi-
4 nesses to propose technology solutions to meet de-
5 fense needs.

6 (b) FREQUENCY.—The Department of Defense and
7 Military Services shall conduct not less than one open
8 topic announcement per fiscal year.

9 (c) BRIEFING.—Not later than 180 days after the
10 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
11 shall provide the congressional defense committees a brief-
12 ing on the establishment of the program required by sub-
13 section (a).

14 (d) TERMINATION.—The pilot program authorized in
15 subsection (a) shall terminate on October 1, 2025.

