

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 117-9**  
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Page 1611, after line 2, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 13402. REPORT ON AFFORDABILITY, DISCRIMINATION**  
2 **AND CIVIL RIGHTS VIOLATIONS, AND DATA**  
3 **COLLECTION.**

4 (a) STUDY.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Comptroller General  
6 shall conduct a study on water and sewer services,  
7 in accordance with this section.

8 (2) AFFORDABILITY.—In conducting the study  
9 under paragraph (1), the Comptroller General shall  
10 study water affordability nationwide, including—

11 (A) rates for water and sewer services, in-  
12 creases in such rates during the ten-year period  
13 preceding such study, and water service dis-  
14 connections and interruptions due to unpaid  
15 water service charges; and

16 (B) the effectiveness of funding under sec-  
17 tion 1452 of the Safe Drinking Water Act (42  
18 U.S.C. 300j–12) and under title VI of the Fed-  
19 eral Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C.  
20 1381 et seq.) for promoting affordable, equi-

1 table, transparent, and reliable water and sewer  
2 service.

3 (3) DISCRIMINATION AND CIVIL RIGHTS.—In  
4 conducting the study under paragraph (1), the  
5 Comptroller General, in collaboration with the Civil  
6 Rights Division of the Department of Justice, shall  
7 study—

8 (A) discriminatory practices of water and  
9 sewer service providers; and

10 (B) violations by such service providers  
11 that receive Federal assistance of civil rights  
12 under title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964  
13 (42 U.S.C. 2000d et seq.) with regard to equal  
14 access to water and sewer services.

15 (4) DATA COLLECTION.—In conducting the  
16 study under paragraph (1), the Comptroller General  
17 shall collect information, assess the availability of in-  
18 formation, and evaluate the methodologies used to  
19 collect information, related to—

20 (A) people living without water or sewer  
21 services;

22 (B) water service disconnections or inter-  
23 ruptions due to unpaid water service charges,  
24 including disconnections experienced by house-  
25 holds containing children, elderly persons, dis-

1           abled persons, or chronically ill persons, or  
2           other vulnerable populations; and

3                   (C) disparate effects, on the basis of race,  
4           gender, or socioeconomic status, of water serv-  
5           ice disconnections or interruptions and the lack  
6           of public water and sewer service.

7           (b) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date  
8           of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller shall submit  
9           to Congress a report that contains—

10                   (1) the results of the study conducted under  
11           subsection (a); and

12                   (2) recommendations for water and sewer serv-  
13           ice providers, Federal agencies, and States relating  
14           to such results.

