

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 117-

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Add at the end of title III of division B the following new section:

1 SEC. 10310. MICROGRAVITY UTILIZATION POLICY.

2 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
3 gress that space technology and the utilization of the
4 microgravity environment for science, engineering, and
5 technology development is critical to long-term competi-
6 tiveness with near-peer competitors, including China.

7 (b) POLICY.—To the greatest extent appropriate, the
8 National Science Foundation (in this section referred to
9 as the “Foundation”) shall facilitate access to the micro-
10 gravity environment for awardees of funding from the
11 Foundation, including in private sector platforms, for the
12 development of science, engineering, and technology.

13 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
14 of enactment of this Act, the Director of the Foundation
15 shall provide to the appropriate committees of Congress
16 a report on the Foundation’s plan for facilitating awardee
17 access to the microgravity environment.

