AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
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At the end of subtitle C of title XXXI, add the following new section:

SEC. 31. ESTABLISHMENT OF MICROLAB PILOT PROGRAM.

(a) In General.—The Secretary, in collaboration with the directors of national laboratories, may establish a microlab pilot program under which the Secretary establishes a microlab that is located in close proximity to a national laboratory and that is accessible to the public for the purposes of—

(1) enhancing collaboration with regional research groups, such as institutions of higher education and industry groups; and

(2) accelerating technology transfer from national laboratories to the marketplace.

(3) promoting regional workforce development through science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) instruction and training.
(b) CRITERIA.—In determining the placement of a microlab under subsection (a), the Secretary shall consider—

(1) the commitment of a national laboratory to establishing a microlab;

(2) the existence of a joint research institute or a new facility that—

(A) is not on the main site of a national laboratory;

(B) is in close proximity to a national laboratory; and

(C) has the capability to house a microlab;

(3) whether employees of a national laboratory and persons from academia, industry, and government are available to be assigned to the microlab; and

(4) cost-sharing or in-kind contributions from State and local governments and private industry.

(c) TIMING.—If the Secretary, in collaboration with the directors of national laboratories, elects to establish a microlab pilot program under this section, the Secretary, in collaboration with the directors of national laboratories, shall—

(1) not later than 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act, begin the process of deter-
mining the placement of the microlab under subsection (a); and

(2) not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, implement the microlab pilot program under this section.

(d) INITIAL REPORT.—Not later than 60 days after the date of implementation of the microlab pilot program under subsection (a), the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate, the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate, and the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology of the House of Representatives a report that provides an update on the implementation of the microlab pilot program under subsection (a).

(e) PROGRESS REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date of implementation of the microlab pilot program under subsection (a), the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate, the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate, and the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology of the House of Representatives a report on the microlab pilot program under subsection (a), including findings and recommendations of the Secretary.
(f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) The term “microlab” means a small laboratory established by the Secretary under section 3.

(2) The term “national laboratory” means a national security laboratory, as defined in section 3281 of the National Nuclear Security Administration Act (50 U.S.C. 2471).

(3) The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Energy.