AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 117-13

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Insert in the appropriate place in title LX the following:

SECTION 1. TECHNOLOGY COMPETITIVENESS COUNCIL.

(a) Amendment to Title 42, United States Code.—Chapter 79 of title 42, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new subchapter:

“Subchapter VII—Technology Competitiveness Council

SEC. 6691. ESTABLISHMENT OF COUNCIL.

“The President shall establish within the Executive Office of the President a Technology Competitiveness Council (Council).

SEC. 6692. MEMBERSHIP OF COUNCIL.

“The Council shall be composed of the following members:

“(1) The Vice President, who shall be Chair of the Council.

“(2) The following executive branch officials:

“(A) The Secretary of State.
“(B) The Secretary of the Treasury.

“(C) The Secretary of Defense.

“(D) The Attorney General.

“(E) The Secretary of Commerce.

“(F) The Secretary of Energy.


“(H) The Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

“(I) The Assistant to the President for Technology Competitiveness.

“(J) The Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs.

“(K) The Assistant to the President for Science and Technology.

“(L) The Assistant to the President for Economic Policy.

“(M) The Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy.

“(N) The United States Trade Representative.

“(O) The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

“(P) The heads of such other executive departments and agencies and other senior officials within the Executive Office of the Presi-
dent, as may be determined by the Chair of the Council.

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SEC. 6693. OPERATION OF COUNCIL.

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(a) Responsibilities of the Chair.—

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(1) In General.—The Chair shall convene and preside over meetings of the Council and shall determine the agenda for the Council.

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(2) Committees.—The Chair may authorize the establishment of such committees of the Council, including an executive committee, and of such working groups, composed of senior designees of the Council members and of other officials, as he or she deems necessary or appropriate for the efficient conduct of Council functions.

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(3) Reporting.—The Chair shall report to the President on the activities and recommendations of the Council. The Chair shall advise the Council as appropriate regarding the President’s directions with respect to the Council’s activities and national technology policy generally.

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(b) Administration.—

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(1) In General.—The Council shall have a staff, headed by the Assistant to the President for Technology Competitiveness.
(2) PERSONNEL, FUNDING, AND ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT.—The Office of Administration in the Executive Office of the President shall provide the Council with such personnel, funding, and administrative support, as directed by the Chair or, upon the Chair’s direction, the Assistant to the President for Technology Competitiveness, subject to the availability of appropriations.

(3) RESOURCES.—Subject to the availability of appropriations, heads of agencies serving on the Council shall make resources, including but not limited to personnel and office support, available to the Council as reasonably requested by the Chair or, upon the Chair’s direction, the Assistant to the President for Technology Competitiveness.

(4) INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE.—The heads of agencies shall provide to the Council such information and assistance as the Chair may request to carry out the functions described in section 6694.

(5) COORDINATION.—The Council shall coordinate with the National Security Council on Technology Policy and Strategy matters relating primarily to national security to ensure that the activities of the Council are carried out in a manner that
is consistent with the responsibilities and authorities
of the National Security Council.

“SEC. 6694. FUNCTIONS OF COUNCIL.

“(a) IN GENERAL.—The Council shall be responsible
for—

“(1) developing recommendations for the President on United States technology competitiveness and technology-related issues, advising and assisting the President in the development and implementation of national technology policy and strategy, and performing such other duties as the President may prescribe;

“(2) developing and overseeing the implementation of a National Technology Strategy as described in subsection (b);

“(3) serving as a forum for balancing national security, economic, and technology considerations of United States departments and agencies as they pertain to technology research, development, commercial interests, and national security applications;

“(4) coordinating policies across Federal departments and agencies related to United States competitiveness in critical and emerging technologies and ensuring that policies designed to promote United States leadership and protect existing com-
petitive advantages are integrated and mutually re-
inflecting; and

“(5) synchronizing budgets and strategies, in
consultation with the Director of the Office of Man-
agement and Budget, in accordance with the Na-
tional Technology Strategy.

“(b) NATIONAL TECHNOLOGY STRATEGY.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Council shall be re-
sponsible for developing and annually submitting to
the President a National Technology Strategy de-
dsigned to maintain United States leadership in crit-
icial and emerging technologies essential to United
States national security and economic prosperity.

“(2) REQUIREMENTS.—The National Tech-
ology Strategy required by paragraph (1) shall con-
tain at least the following elements:

“(A) An assessment of the United States
Government’s efforts to preserve United States
leadership in key emerging technologies and
prevent United States strategic competitors
from leveraging advanced technologies to gain
strategic military or economic advantages over
the United States.
“(B) A review of existing United States Government technology policy, including long-range goals.

“(C) An analysis of technology trends and assessment of the relative competitiveness of United States technology sectors in relation to strategic competitors.

“(D) Identification of sectors critical for the long-term resilience of United States innovation leadership across design, manufacturing, supply chains, and markets.

“(E) Recommendations for domestic policy incentives to sustain an innovation economy and develop specific, high-cost sectors necessary for long-term national security ends.

“(F) Recommendations for policies to protect United States and allied leadership in critical areas through targeted export controls, investment screening, and counterintelligence activities.

“(G) Identification of priority domestic research and development areas critical to national security and necessary to sustain United States leadership, and directing funding to fill
gaps in basic and applied research where the
private sector does not focus.

“(H) Recommendations for talent pro-
grams to grow United States talent in key crit-
ical and emerging technologies and enhance the
ability of the Federal Government to recruit
and retain individuals with critical skills into
Federal service.

“(I) Methods to foster the development of
international partnerships to reinforce domestic
policy actions, build new markets, engage in
collaborative research, and create an inter-
national environment that reflects United
States values and protects United States inter-
ests.”.

(b) INITIAL NATIONAL TECHNOLOGY STRATEGY.—
The National Technology Council established pursuant to
section 6691 of title 42, United States Code shall provide
the first National Technology Strategy required by sub-
section 6694(b) of such title not later than the date that
is one year after the date of the enactment of this Act.