AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT (116–54)

OFFERED BY MS. OMAR OF MINNESOTA

Page 1241, after line 18, insert the following new section:

SEC. 31107. STUDY AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO CONNECT SOCIALLY DISADVANTAGED INDIVIDUALS.

(a) In General.—Not later than 12 months after the date of the enactment of this act, the Office of Internet Connectivity and Growth, in consultation with the Commission and the Rural Utility Service of the Department of Agriculture, shall, after public notice and an opportunity for comment, conduct a study to assess the extent to which Federal funds for broadband internet access services, including the Universal Service Fund programs and other Federal broadband service support programs, have expanded access to and adoption of broadband internet access service by socially disadvantaged individuals as compared to individuals who are not socially disadvantaged individuals.

(b) Report and Publication.—

(1) Submission.—Not later than 18 months after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Of-
Office of Internet Connectivity and Growth shall submit a report on the results of the study under subsection (a) to—

(A) the Committee on Energy & Commerce in the House of Representatives;

(B) the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation of the Senate; and

(C) each agency administering a program evaluated by such report.

(2) Public Publication.—Contemporaneously with submitting the report required by paragraph (1), the Office of Internet Connectivity and Growth shall publish such report on the public facing website of—

(A) the National Telecommunications and Information Administration;

(B) the Commission; and

(C) the Rural Utility Service of the Department of Agriculture.

(3) Recommendations.—The report required by paragraph (1) shall include recommendations with regard who to how Federal funds for the Universal Service Fund programs and Federal broadband service support programs may be dispersed in an a manner that better expands access to
and adoption of broadband internet access service by socially disadvantaged individuals as compared to individuals who are not socially disadvantaged individuals.

(c) SOCIALLY DISADVANTAGED INDIVIDUAL.—In this section, the term “socially disadvantaged individual” has the meaning given that term in section 8 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 637).