

**AMENDMENT TO**  
**RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 117-54**  
**OFFERED BY MR. PANETTA OF CALIFORNIA**

At the end of subtitle A of title XVI, add the following:

1 **SEC. 16\_\_ . PLAN ON PILOT PROGRAM FOR DEPLOYMENT**  
2 **OF DEDICATED X-BAND SMALL SATELLITE**  
3 **COMMUNICATIONS.**

4 (a) **PLANS.—**

5 (1) **IN GENERAL.—**Not later than 180 days  
6 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Assistant  
7 Secretary of Defense for Special Operations and  
8 Low-Intensity Conflict and the Assistant Secretary  
9 of the Air Force for Space Acquisition and Integration,  
10 shall jointly submit to the congressional defense  
11 committees a plan for a pilot program for the deployment  
12 of dedicated X-band small satellite communications  
13 technologies that may support current and  
14 future requirements of special operations forces.

15 (2) **PLAN ELEMENTS.—**The plan submitted  
16 under paragraph (1) shall include the following:

17 (A) A description of authorities that would  
18 be used to execute the proposed pilot program.

1 (B) A timeline for the implementation and  
2 duration of the proposed pilot program.

3 (C) An identification of the dedicated X-  
4 band small satellite communication technologies  
5 required to implement the proposed pilot pro-  
6 gram.

7 (D) The costs, per fiscal year, for the de-  
8 velopment, deployment, and operations of the  
9 proposed pilot program.

10 (E) A comprehensive description and as-  
11 sessment of the proposed pilot program.

12 (F) Such recommendations for legislative  
13 or administrative action the Assistant Secre-  
14 taries jointly determine appropriate, including  
15 the feasibility of—

16 (i) extending the term of the proposed  
17 pilot program; or

18 (ii) expanding the proposed pilot pro-  
19 gram to other activities of the Department  
20 of Defense beyond special operations  
21 forces.

22 (b) SPECIAL OPERATIONS FORCES DEFINED.—The  
23 term “special operations forces” means forces described  
24 under section 167(j) of title 10, United States Code.

