AMENDMENT TO
RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 116–57
OFFERED BY MS. PLASKETT OF VIRGIN ISLANDS

At the end of subtitle D of title VIII, add the following new section:

SEC. 835. SMALL BUSINESSES IN TERRITORIES OF THE UNITED STATES.

(a) Definition of Covered Territory Business.—Section 3 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(ff) Covered Territory Business.—In this Act, the term ‘covered territory business’ means a small business concern that has its principal office located in one of the following:

“(1) The United States Virgin Islands.
“(2) American Samoa.
“(3) Guam.
“(4) The Northern Mariana Islands.”.

(1) in clause (I), by striking “means” and all that follows through the period at the end and inserting the following: “means—

“(aa) in the case of a Puerto Rico business, the period beginning on August 13, 2018, and ending on the date on which the Oversight Board established under section 2121 of title 48 terminates; and

“(bb) in the case of a covered territory business, the period beginning on the date of enactment of this item and ending on the date that is 4 years after such date of enactment.”; and

(2) in clause (II)—

(A) by inserting “or a covered territory business” after “a Puerto Rico business”; and

(B) by striking “the Puerto Rico business” in both places it appears and inserting “such business”.

(e) CONTRACTING INCENTIVES FOR PROTEGE FIRMS THAT ARE COVERED TERRITORY BUSINESSES.—
(1) CONTRACTING INCENTIVES.—Section 45(a) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 657r(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(4) COVERED TERRITORY BUSINESSES.—During the period beginning on the date of enactment of this paragraph and ending on the date that is 4 years after such date of enactment, the Administrator shall identify potential incentives to a covered territory mentor that awards a subcontract to its covered territory protege, including—

“(A) positive consideration in any past performance evaluation of the covered territory mentor; and

“(B) the application of costs incurred for providing training to such covered territory protege to the subcontracting plan (as required under paragraph (4) or (5) of section 8(d)) of the covered territory mentor.”.

(2) MENTOR-PROTEGE RELATIONSHIPS.—Section 45(b)(3)(A) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 657r(b)(3)(A)) is amended by striking “relationships are” and all that follows through the period at the end and inserting the following: “relationships—
“(i) are between a covered protege and a covered mentor; or
“(ii) are between a covered territory protege and a covered territory mentor.”.

(3) DEFINITIONS.—Section 45(d) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 657r(d)) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraphs:

“(6) COVERED TERRITORY MENTOR.—The term ‘covered territory mentor’ means a mentor that enters into an agreement under this Act, or under any mentor-protege program approved under subsection (b)(1), with a covered territory protege.

“(7) COVERED TERRITORY PROTEGE.—The term ‘covered territory protege’ means a protege of a covered territory mentor that is a covered territory business.”.