

AMENDMENT TO
RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 116-7
OFFERED BY MS. PLASKETT OF VIRGIN ISLANDS

Page 199, line 3, strike “**Findings Relating to**”.

Page 200, after line 2, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 2302. CONGRESSIONAL TASK FORCE ON VOTING**
2 **RIGHTS OF UNITED STATES CITIZEN RESI-**
3 **DENTS OF TERRITORIES OF THE UNITED**
4 **STATES.**

5 (a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—There is established within
6 the legislative branch a Congressional Task Force on Vot-
7 ing Rights of United States Citizen Residents of Terri-
8 tories of the United States (in this section referred to as
9 the “Task Force”).

10 (b) **MEMBERSHIP.**—The Task Force shall be com-
11 posed of 12 members as follows:

12 (1) One Member of the House of Representa-
13 tives, who shall be appointed by the Speaker of the
14 House of Representatives, in coordination with the
15 Chairman of the Committee on Natural Resources of
16 the House of Representatives.

1 (2) One Member of the House of Representa-
2 tives, who shall be appointed by the Speaker of the
3 House of Representatives, in coordination with the
4 Chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary of the
5 House of Representatives.

6 (3) One Member of the House of Representa-
7 tives, who shall be appointed by the Speaker of the
8 House of Representatives, in coordination with the
9 Chairman of the Committee on House Administra-
10 tion of the House of Representatives.

11 (4) One Member of the House of Representa-
12 tives, who shall be appointed by the Minority Leader
13 of the House of Representatives, in coordination
14 with the ranking minority member of the Committee
15 on Natural Resources of the House of Representa-
16 tives.

17 (5) One Member of the House of Representa-
18 tives, who shall be appointed by the Minority Leader
19 of the House of Representatives, in coordination
20 with the ranking minority member of the Committee
21 on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives.

22 (6) One Member of the House of Representa-
23 tives, who shall be appointed by the Minority Leader
24 of the House of Representatives, in coordination
25 with the ranking minority member of the Committee

1 on House Administration of the House of Represent-
2 atives.

3 (7) One Member of the Senate, who shall be ap-
4 pointed by the Majority Leader of the Senate, in co-
5 ordination with the Chairman of the Committee on
6 Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate.

7 (8) One Member of the Senate, who shall be ap-
8 pointed by the Majority Leader of the Senate, in co-
9 ordination with the Chairman of the Committee on
10 the Judiciary of the Senate.

11 (9) One Member of the Senate, who shall be ap-
12 pointed by the Majority Leader of the Senate, in co-
13 ordination with the Chairman of the Committee on
14 Rules and Administration of the Senate.

15 (10) One Member of the Senate, who shall be
16 appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate, in
17 coordination with the ranking minority member of
18 the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of
19 the Senate.

20 (11) One Member of the Senate, who shall be
21 appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate, in
22 coordination with the ranking minority member of
23 the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate.

24 (12) One Member of the Senate, who shall be
25 appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate, in

1 coordination with the ranking minority member of
2 the Committee on Rules and Administration of the
3 Senate.

4 (c) DEADLINE FOR APPOINTMENT.—All appoint-
5 ments to the Task Force shall be made not later than 30
6 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

7 (d) CHAIR.—The Speaker shall designate one Mem-
8 ber to serve as chair of the Task Force.

9 (e) VACANCIES.—Any vacancy in the Task Force
10 shall be filled in the same manner as the original appoint-
11 ment.

12 (f) STATUS UPDATE.—Between September 1, 2019,
13 and September 30, 2019, the Task Force shall provide a
14 status update to the House of Representatives and the
15 Senate that includes—

16 (1) information the Task Force has collected;
17 and

18 (2) a discussion on matters that the chairman
19 of the Task Force deems urgent for consideration by
20 Congress.

21 (g) REPORT.—Not later than December 31, 2019,
22 the Task Force shall issue a report of its findings to the
23 House of Representatives and the Senate regarding—

24 (1) the economic and societal consequences
25 (through statistical data and other metrics) that

1 come with political disenfranchisement of United
2 States citizens in territories of the United States;

3 (2) impediments to full and equal voting rights
4 for United States citizens who are residents of terri-
5 tories of the United States in Federal elections, in-
6 cluding the election of the President and Vice Presi-
7 dent of the United States;

8 (3) impediments to full and equal voting rep-
9 resentation in the House of Representatives for
10 United States citizens who are residents of terri-
11 tories of the United States;

12 (4) recommended changes that, if adopted,
13 would allow for full and equal voting rights for
14 United States citizens who are residents of terri-
15 tories of the United States in Federal elections, in-
16 cluding the election of the President and Vice Presi-
17 dent of the United States;

18 (5) recommended changes that, if adopted,
19 would allow for full and equal voting representation
20 in the House of Representatives for United States
21 citizens who are residents of territories of the United
22 States; and

23 (6) additional information the Task Force
24 deems appropriate.

1 (h) CONSENSUS VIEWS.—To the greatest extent
2 practicable, the report issued under subsection (g) shall
3 reflect the shared views of all 12 Members, except that
4 the report may contain dissenting views.

5 (i) HEARINGS AND SESSIONS.—The Task Force may,
6 for the purpose of carrying out this section, hold hearings,
7 sit and act at times and places, take testimony, and re-
8 ceive evidence as the Task Force considers appropriate.

9 (j) STAKEHOLDER PARTICIPATION.—In carrying out
10 its duties, the Task Force shall consult with the govern-
11 ments of American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of
12 the Northern Mariana Islands, the Commonwealth of
13 Puerto Rico, and the United States Virgin Islands.

14 (k) RESOURCES.—The Task Force shall carry out its
15 duties by utilizing existing facilities, services, and staff of
16 the House of Representatives and the Senate.

17 (l) TERMINATION.—The Task Force shall terminate
18 upon issuing the report required under subsection (g).

