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:

SEC. 2302. CONGRESSIONAL TASK FORCE ON VOTING RIGHTS OF UNITED STATES CITIZEN RESIDENTS OF TERRITORIES OF THE UNITED STATES.

(a) Establishment.—There is established within the legislative branch a Congressional Task Force on Voting Rights of United States Citizen Residents of Territories of the United States (in this section referred to as the “Task Force”).

(b) Membership.—The Task Force shall be composed of 12 members as follows:

(1) One Member of the House of Representatives, who shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, in coordination with the Chairman of the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives.
(2) One Member of the House of Representatives, who shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, in coordination with the Chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives.

(3) One Member of the House of Representatives, who shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, in coordination with the Chairman of the Committee on House Administration of the House of Representatives.

(4) One Member of the House of Representatives, who shall be appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, in coordination with the ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives.

(5) One Member of the House of Representatives, who shall be appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, in coordination with the ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives.

(6) One Member of the House of Representatives, who shall be appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, in coordination with the ranking minority member of the Committee
on House Administration of the House of Representatives.

(7) One Member of the Senate, who shall be appointed by the Majority Leader of the Senate, in coordination with the Chairman of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate.

(8) One Member of the Senate, who shall be appointed by the Majority Leader of the Senate, in coordination with the Chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate.

(9) One Member of the Senate, who shall be appointed by the Majority Leader of the Senate, in coordination with the Chairman of the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate.

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

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

(12) One Member of the Senate, who shall be appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate, in
coordination with the ranking minority member of
the Committee on Rules and Administration of the
Senate.

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

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

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

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

(1) information the Task Force has collected;
and

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

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

(1) the economic and societal consequences
(through statistical data and other metrics) that
come with political disenfranchisement of United
States citizens in territories of the United States;

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

(3) impediments to full and equal voting rep-
resentation in the House of Representatives for
United States citizens who are residents of territ-
ories of the United States;

(4) recommended changes that, if adopted,
would allow for full and equal voting rights for
United States citizens who are residents of territ-
ories of the United States in Federal elections, in-
cluding the election of the President and Vice Presi-
dent of the United States;

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

(6) additional information the Task Force
deems appropriate.
(h) **CONSENSUS VIEWS.**—To the greatest extent practicable, the report issued under subsection (g) shall reflect the shared views of all 12 Members, except that the report may contain dissenting views.

(i) **HEARINGS AND SESSIONS.**—The Task Force may, for the purpose of carrying out this section, hold hearings, sit and act at times and places, take testimony, and receive evidence as the Task Force considers appropriate.

(j) **STAKEHOLDER PARTICIPATION.**—In carrying out its duties, the Task Force shall consult with the governments of American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the United States Virgin Islands.

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

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