

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
FOR H.R. 5**

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Page 270, line 6, amend the section header for section 3101 so that it reads “**SENSE OF CONGRESS; PURPOSE**”.

Page 270, after line 6, insert the following:

1 “(a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—

2 “(1) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds the fol-
3 lowing:

4 “(A) The number of public charter schools
5 has dramatically increased in recent years. Be-
6 tween the 2008–2009 school year and the
7 2013–2014 school year, there was a 77 percent
8 increase in the number of students attending
9 public charter schools and a 39 percent increase
10 in the number of schools.

11 “(B) Charter schools serve a very diverse
12 population of students. Nationally, 57 percent
13 of students enrolled in charter schools are mi-
14 nority students, while only 39 percent of stu-

1 dents in non-charter public schools are minority
2 students.

3 “(C) For the 2014–2015 school year, there
4 are more than 6700 public charter schools serv-
5 ing about 2.9 million students. This represents
6 a 4 percent growth in the number of open char-
7 ter schools, and a 14 percent increase in stu-
8 dent enrollment from the 2013–2014 school
9 year.

10 “(D) There are more than one million stu-
11 dent names on charter school waiting lists.

12 “(E) Charter schools are open in areas
13 where students need better education options,
14 including areas that serve economically dis-
15 advantaged kids. Almost 50 percent of the stu-
16 dents attending charter schools qualify for free
17 or reduced priced lunch, a slightly larger per-
18 centage than non-charter public schools.

19 “(F) Charter schools serve students in all
20 areas, from urban cities to rural towns through
21 traditional brick and mortar schools, blended
22 learning models, and online programs, giving
23 parents across the Nation options to find the
24 best learning environment for their children.

1 “(G) Charter schools give parents the op-
2 portunity to find the right place for their child
3 to learn. Whether they are looking for digital
4 learning, Montessori, or a more structured envi-
5 ronment, charter schools provide a variety of
6 education options for families.

7 “(H) Charter schools have strong account-
8 ability to parents and the community because
9 they have to meet the same State academic ac-
10 countability requirements as all other public
11 schools, satisfy the terms of their charter with
12 their authorizing authority, and satisfy parents
13 who have selected the school for their children.

14 “(2) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of
15 the Congress that charter schools are a critical part
16 of our education system in this Nation and the Con-
17 gress believes we must support opening more quality
18 charter schools to help students succeed in their fu-
19 ture.

Page 270, line 7, strike “It” and insert the fol-
lowing:

20 “(b) PURPOSE.—It

