

AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
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Redesignate sections 20 and 21 as sections 21 and 22, respectively.

Insert after section 19 the following:

1 **SEC. 20. DHS BORDER COMMUNITIES OVERSIGHT TASK**
2 **FORCE.**

3 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—There is established an inde-
5 pendent task force, which shall be known as the
6 DHS Border Communities Oversight Task Force
7 (referred to in this section as the “DHS Task
8 Force”).

9 (2) DUTIES.—The DHS Task Force shall—

10 (A) review and make recommendations re-
11 garding the impact of border enforcement poli-
12 cies, strategies, and programs that take into
13 consideration their impacts on border commu-
14 nities;

1 (B) recommend ways in which the Border
2 Communities Liaison Offices can strengthen re-
3 lations and collaboration between communities
4 in the border regions and the Department of
5 Homeland Security and other Federal agencies
6 that carry out such policies, strategies, and pro-
7 grams;

8 (C) evaluate how the policies, strategies,
9 and programs of Federal agencies operating
10 along the international borders between the
11 United States and Mexico and between the
12 United States and Canada protect the due proc-
13 ess, civil, and human rights of border residents,
14 visitors, and migrants at and near such borders;
15 and

16 (D) evaluate and make recommendations
17 regarding the training of border enforcement
18 personnel.

19 (3) MEMBERSHIP.—

20 (A) IN GENERAL.—The DHS Task Force
21 shall be composed of 26 members, appointed by
22 the President, who have expertise in migration,
23 local crime indices, civil and human rights,
24 community relations, cross-border trade and

1 commerce, quality of life indicators, or other
2 pertinent experience, of whom—

3 (i) 13 members shall be from the
4 northern border region and shall include—

5 (I) two local government elected
6 officials;

7 (II) two local law enforcement of-
8 ficials;

9 (III) two civil rights advocates;

10 (IV) one business representative;

11 (V) one higher education rep-
12 resentative;

13 (VI) one representative of a faith
14 community;

15 (VII) two representatives of the
16 Border Patrol; and

17 (VIII) two tribal officials; and

18 (ii) 17 members shall be from the
19 southern border region and shall include—

20 (I) three local government elected
21 officials;

22 (II) three local law enforcement
23 officials;

24 (III) three civil rights advocates;

1 (IV) two business representa-
2 tives;

3 (V) one higher education rep-
4 resentative;

5 (VI) one representative of a faith
6 community;

7 (VII) two representatives of the
8 Border Patrol; and

9 (VIII) two tribal officials.

10 (B) NONGOVERNMENTAL APPOINTEES.—

11 Individuals appointed as members of the DHS
12 Task Force may not be employed by the Fed-
13 eral Government.

14 (C) TERM OF SERVICE.—Members of the
15 Task Force shall be appointed for the shorter
16 of—

17 (i) three years; or

18 (ii) the duration of the DHS Task
19 Force.

20 (D) CHAIR, VICE CHAIR.—The members of
21 the DHS Task Force shall elect a Chair and a
22 Vice Chair from among its members, who shall
23 serve in such capacities for the duration of the
24 DHS Task Force or until removed by the ma-
25 jority vote of at least 14 members.

1 (b) OPERATIONS.—

2 (1) INITIAL MEETING.—The DHS Task Force
3 shall hold its first meeting not later than 90 days
4 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

5 (2) HEARINGS.—The DHS Task Force may,
6 for the purpose of carrying out its duties, hold hear-
7 ings, sit and act, take testimony, receive evidence,
8 and administer oaths.

9 (3) RECOMMENDATIONS.—The DHS Task
10 Force may make findings or recommendations to the
11 Secretary of Homeland Security related to the duties
12 described in subsection (a)(2).

13 (4) RESPONSE.—Not later than 180 days after
14 receiving the findings and recommendations from
15 the DHS Task Force under paragraph (3), the Sec-
16 retary of Homeland Security shall issue a response
17 that describes how the Department of Homeland Se-
18 curity has addressed, or will address, such findings
19 and recommendations.

20 (5) INFORMATION FROM FEDERAL AGENCIES.—
21 The Chair, or 16 members of the DHS Task Force,
22 may request statistics relating to the duties de-
23 scribed in subsection (a)(2) directly from the head of
24 any Federal agency, who shall, to the extent author-
25 ized by law, furnish such information, suggestions,

1 estimates, and statistics directly to the DHS Task
2 Force.

3 (6) COMPENSATION.—Members of the DHS
4 Task Force shall serve without pay, but shall be re-
5 imbursed for reasonable travel and subsistence ex-
6 penses incurred in the performance of their duties.

7 (c) REPORT.—Not later than two years after its first
8 meeting under subsection (b)(1), the DHS Task Force
9 shall submit to the President, the appropriate congres-
10 sional committees, and the Secretary of Homeland Secu-
11 rity a final report that contains—

12 (1) findings with respect to the duties of the
13 DHS Task Force; and

14 (2) recommendations regarding border and im-
15 migration enforcement policies, strategies, and pro-
16 grams, including a recommendation as to whether
17 the DHS Task Force should continue to operate.

