

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
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National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016

At the end of title IV (page 83, after line 16), add the following new section:

1 SEC. 422. REPORT ON FORCE STRUCTURE OF THE ARMY.

2 (a) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 90 days
3 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
4 of Defense shall submit to Congress a report containing
5 the following:

6 (1) An assessment by the Secretary of Defense
7 of reports by the Secretary of the Army on the force
8 structure of the Army submitted to Congress under
9 section 1066 of the National Defense Authorization
10 Act for Fiscal Year 2013 (Public Law 112–239; 126
11 Stat. 1943) and section 1062 of the National De-
12 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015 (Pub-
13 lic Law 113–291).

14 (2) An evaluation of the adequacy of the Army
15 force structure proposed for the future-years defense
16 program for fiscal years 2017 through 2021 to meet

1 the goals of the national military strategy of the
2 United States.

3 (3) An independent risk assessment by the
4 Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff of the pro-
5 posed Army force structure and the ability of such
6 force structure to meet the operational requirements
7 of combatant commanders.

8 (4) A description of the planning assumptions
9 and scenarios used by the Department of Defense to
10 validate the size and force structure of the Army, in-
11 cluding the Army Reserve and the Army National
12 Guard.

13 (5) A certification by the Secretary of Defense
14 that the Secretary has reviewed the reports by the
15 Secretary of the Army and the assessments of the
16 Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and deter-
17 mined that an end strength for active duty personnel
18 of the Army below the end strength level authorized
19 in section 401(1) of the National Defense Authoriza-
20 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2015 (Public Law 113–291)
21 will be adequate to meet the national military strat-
22 egy of the United States.

23 (6) A description of various alternative options
24 for allocating funds to ensure that the end strengths
25 of the Army do not fall below levels of significant

1 risk, as determined pursuant to the risk assessment
2 conducted by the Chairman of the Joint Chief under
3 paragraph (3).

4 (7) Such other information or updates as the
5 Secretary of Defense considers appropriate.

6 (b) FORM.—The report required by subsection (a)
7 shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may include
8 a classified annex.

