

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 118–36
OFFERED BY MR. AMO OF RHODE ISLAND

At the end of subtitle C of title XVII, add the following:

1 **SEC. 17__ . DEMOCRACY DISRUPTION IN THE MIDDLE EAST**
2 **AND AFRICA.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.— Not later than 180 days after
4 the date of the enactment of this Act, and every year
5 thereafter for 5 fiscal years, the Secretary of State, in con-
6 sultation with the Secretary of Defense and Director of
7 National Intelligence, shall submit to the appropriate con-
8 gressional committees a report describing actions by rel-
9 evant foreign governments that act to undermine democ-
10 racy in the United States Central Command or United
11 States Africa Command area of responsibility, including
12 through the disruption of nascent democratic movements,
13 transnational repression, or bolstering authoritarian gov-
14 ernments in countries other than their own.

15 (b) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—The report re-
16 quired by subsection (a) shall include the following:

17 (1) An assessment of whether and the extent to
18 which relevant governments provide financial or
19 other economic support, or technical assistance, to

1 authoritarian leaders with the purpose of sup-
2 porting—

3 (A) the short, medium, and long-term via-
4 bility of authoritarians as head of states; or

5 (B) heads of states who have—

6 (i) conducted a coup d’etat or other
7 seizure of power in which the military
8 played a decisive role;

9 (ii) undermined the independence of
10 the judiciary;

11 (iii) facilitated the unconstitutional re-
12 moval of a portion or entirety of a demo-
13 cratically elected government or legislature;
14 or

15 (iv) removed term limits or consoli-
16 dated executive authority through the uni-
17 lateral cancellation or revision of a coun-
18 try’s constitution.

19 (2) A determination of whether relevant govern-
20 ments either directly or through third parties,
21 throughout the United States Central Command or
22 United States Africa Command area of responsi-
23 bility—

1 (A) undermine electoral systems or act to
2 discredit or overturn the results of democratic
3 elections in other countries;

4 (B) assist authoritarian governments in in-
5 timidating or harassing members of civil society
6 or in limiting the ability of members of civil so-
7 ciety to operate without fear of criminal charges
8 or detention; or

9 (C) violate international principles of
10 nonrefoulement and the rights of asylum seekers.

11 (3) A list of armed groups, including militias,
12 private military corporations, mercenaries, or
13 paramilitaries, that receive monetary, military, or
14 other material support from relevant foreign govern-
15 ments.

16 (4) An assessment of whether actors in the list
17 in paragraph (3) have committed gross violations of
18 international recognized human rights.

19 (5) A detailed analysis of relevant foreign gov-
20 ernments' diplomatic support, whether bilaterally or
21 in international organizations, for military or civilian
22 leaders who meet criteria in paragraph (1)(B).

23 (6) An assessment of whether relevant foreign
24 governments engage in a consistent pattern of acts
25 of transnational repression and intimidation or har-

1 assessment directed against individuals in the United
2 States, including—

3 (A) funding, either directly or through
4 third parties, the use of inauthentic social
5 media accounts which target specific individuals
6 in an attempt to silence, intimidate, or harass
7 nonviolent critics or dissenters;

8 (B) targeted imprisonment of family mem-
9 bers on politically motivated charges; or

10 (C) any other form of intimidation or har-
11 assessment.

12 (c) FORM.—The report required by subsection (a)
13 shall be submitted in unclassified form, but the portions
14 of the report described in section (b) may contain a classi-
15 fied annex, so long as such annex is provided separately
16 from the unclassified report.

17 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

18 (1) the term “appropriate congressional com-
19 mittees” means—

20 (A) the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the
21 Committee on Armed Services, and the Perma-
22 nent Select Committee on Intelligence of the
23 House of Representatives; and

24 (B) the Committee on Foreign Relations,
25 the Committee on Armed Services, and the Se-

1 lect Committee on Intelligence of the Senate;
2 and

3 (2) the term “relevant foreign government”
4 means the government of a country in the United
5 States Central Command or United States Africa
6 Command area of responsibility that—

7 (A) received United States security assist-
8 ance, including under authorities of title 10,
9 United States Code, during the previous 10 fis-
10 cal years; or

11 (B) hosts United States military personnel
12 other than those permanently assigned to a
13 United States Embassy in their respective coun-
14 tries.

