

AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT

119–8

OFFERED BY MR. AMO OF RHODE ISLAND

At the end of subtitle C of title II, add the following
new section:

1 SEC. 2____. REPORT ON LOW-COST UNDERSEA EFFECTORS.

2 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
3 gress that—

4 (1) the Defense Innovation Unit’s (DIU) Low
5 Cost Undersea Effectors Commercial Solutions
6 Opening (CSO), which seeks to demonstrate afford-
7 able, mission-specific small and medium unmanned
8 underwater vehicles (UUVs) capable of supporting
9 subsea and seabed warfare, intelligence, surveillance,
10 reconnaissance (ISR), and expeditionary warfare, of-
11 fers the potential to deliver kinetic effects, ISR, and
12 expeditionary capabilities at low cost, with reduced
13 training and logistics burdens, and in quantities suf-
14 ficient to enable distributed maritime operations;

15 (2) the Low-Cost Undersea Effectors CSO
16 should be fully funded and executed to its intended
17 scope, with particular emphasis on transitioning via-
18 ble systems to scaled production rapidly;

1 (3) the Secretary of the Navy should plan for
2 and execute procurement of successful systems
3 emerging from the Low-Cost Undersea Effectors
4 CSO, including by leveraging Other Transaction Au-
5 thority, rapid acquisition authorities, and appro-
6 priate research, development, test, and evaluation
7 (RDT&E) and procurement accounts; and

8 (4) early adoption of commercially derived, low-
9 cost unmanned underwater vehicles will complement,
10 rather than compete with, traditional programs of
11 record, and will enable novel operational concepts
12 ensuring our national security edge in undersea war-
13 fare.

14 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
15 of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Navy, in
16 coordination with DIU, shall provide a briefing to the con-
17 gressional defense committees on the Low-Cost Undersea
18 Effectors CSO, including—

19 (1) the funding plan and execution status for
20 the Low-Cost Undersea Effectors CSO;

21 (2) Navy plans to begin limited procurement of
22 successful CSO awardees for operational experimen-
23 tation and fleet integration;

24 (3) pathways for scaling production of low-cost
25 UUVs; and

- 1 (4) steps to ensure small business and non-tra-
- 2 ditional defense contractors remain central to future
- 3 acquisition in this domain.

