

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT

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At the end of subtitle A of title 1301, insert the following:

AUTHORIZATION FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF CIVILIAN-LED AND CONTROLLED ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATED TO THE STRUCTURE AND CONSTRUCTION OF MILITARY-CENTRIC FUNCTIONS AND ACTIVITIES THAT WILL BE ESTABLISHED IN THE UNITED STATES OUTLYING AREAS AND FREELY ASSOOCIATED STATES.

(a) Establishment of Advisory Committee. --

(1) In general. --Subchapter A of section 1301, of title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

“Advisory Committee on matters related to the structure and construction of military-centric functions and activities that will be established within the freely associated states and the United States Territories”

“(a) Establishment.--The Secretary, in accordance with the Senior Defense official for Guam, and the Under Secretary for the Navy, Energy, installations, and environment, shall establish an advisory

Committee. Establishment. --The Secretary shall establish an advisory committee, to be known as the 'Advisory Committee on United States Outlying Areas and Freely Associated States', to provide advice and guidance to the Secretary on matters relating to the local populaces who reside in these areas.

``(b) Duties.--The duties of the Committee shall be the following:

``(1) To advise the Secretary on matters relating to building plans and structure fortification, the preservation of historical sites, burial sites, to include how the Secretary can improve the

programs and services of the Department to better serve the local populace.

``(2) To identify for the Secretary evolving issues of relevance to the population.

``(3) To propose clarifications, recommendations, and solutions to address issues raised by the local populace.

``(4) To provide a forum for the local populace who are involved in service organizations and the Department to discuss issues and proposals for changes to

regulations, policies, and procedures of the Department.

“(5) To identify priorities for and provide advice to the Secretary on appropriate strategies for consultation with Community relations service organizations serving the local populace.

“(6) To encourage the Secretary to work with other

departments and agencies of the Federal Government and Congress

to ensure business and not-for-profit organizations are made aware of future projects that will involve structure hardening in the United States outlying areas and freely associated states.

“(7) To highlight contributions of the local populace to the Armed Forces.

“(8) To conduct other duties as determined appropriate by the Secretary.

(1) To advise the Secretary on matters relating to the local populace including how the Secretary can improve the programs and services of the Department to better serve such communities.

“(2) To identify for the Secretary evolving issues of relevance to the local populace.

“(3) To propose clarifications, recommendations, and

solutions to address issues raised by the local populace.

“(4) To provide a forum for the local populace affected by Department of Defense activities and the

Department to discuss issues and proposals for changes to regulations, policies, and procedures of the Department.

“(5) To identify priorities for and provide advice to the

Secretary on appropriate strategies for consultation with civilian service organizations.

“(6) To encourage the Secretary to work with other departments and agencies of the Federal Government and Congress.

veterans.

(7) To conduct other duties as determined appropriate by the Secretary.

“(c) Membership.--(1) The Committee shall be comprised of 8 voting members appointed by the Secretary.

“(2) In appointing members pursuant to paragraph (1), the Secretary shall ensure the following:

“(A) At least one member is appointed to represent the local populace in each of the following areas:

“(i) American Samoa.

“(ii) Guam.

“(iii) Puerto Rico.

“(iv) The Commonwealth of the Northern
Mariana
Islands.

“(v) The Virgin Islands of the United
States.

“(vi) The Federated States of Micronesia.

“(vii) The Republic of the Marshall
Islands.

“(viii) The Republic of Palau.

“(B) Not more than half of the members
appointed are

Department of Defense veterans, unless the
Secretary determines that an

insufficient number of qualified covered veterans
are available.

“(C) Each member appointed resides in an area
specified in

subparagraph (A).

“(3) In appointing members pursuant to paragraph
(1), the

Secretary may consult with any Member of Congress
who represents an

area specified in paragraph (2)(A).

“(d) Terms; Vacancies.--(1) A member of the Committee--

“(A) shall be appointed for a term of two years; and

“(B) may be reappointed to serve an additional 2-year term.

“(2) Not later than 180 days after receiving notice of a vacancy in the Committee, the Secretary shall fill the vacancy in the same manner as the original appointment.

“(e) Meeting Format and Frequency.--(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), the Committee shall meet in-person with the Secretary not less frequently than once each year and hold monthly conference calls as necessary.

“(2) Meetings held under paragraph (1) may be conducted virtually if determined necessary based on--

“(A) Department protocols; and

“(B) timing and budget considerations.

“(f) Additional Representation.--(1) Representatives of relevant

departments and agencies of the Federal Government may attend meetings of the Committee and provide information to the Committee.

“(2) One representative of the Department shall attend each meeting of the Committee.

“(3) Representatives attending meetings under this subsection--

“(A) shall not be considered voting members of the Committee; and

“(B) may not receive additional compensation for services performed with respect to the Committee.

“(g) Subcommittees.--(1) The Committee may establish subcommittees.

“(2) The Secretary may, in consultation with the Committee, appoint a member to a subcommittee established under paragraph (1) who is not a member of the Committee.

“(3) A subcommittee established under paragraph (1) may enhance

the function of the Committee, but may not supersede the authority of the Committee or provide direct advice or work products to the Secretary.

“(h) Reports.--(1) Not less frequently than once every 2 years, the Committee shall submit to the Secretary and the appropriate committees of Congress a report--

“(A) containing such recommendations as the Committee may

have for legislative or administrative action; and

“(B) describing the activities of the Committee during the previous two years.

“(2) Not later than 120 days after the date on which the Secretary receives a report under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a written response to the report after--

“(A) giving the Committee an opportunity to review such

written response; and

“(B) including in such written response any comments the

Committee considers appropriate.

“(3) The Secretary shall make publicly available on an internet website of the Committee--

“(A) each report the Secretary receives under paragraph

(1);

“(B) each written response the Secretary submits under

paragraph (2); and

“(C) each report the Secretary receives under paragraph

(3).

“(i) Committee Personnel Matters.--A member of the Committee shall be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, at rates authorized for an employee of an agency under subchapter I of chapter 57 of title 5 while away from the home or regular place of business of the member in the performance of the duties of the Committee.

“(j) Consultation.--In carrying out this section, the Secretary shall consult with veterans service organizations serving veterans who may be apart of this committee.

“(k) Termination.--The Committee shall terminate on the date that is 20 years after the date of the enactment of this section.

“(l) Definitions.--In this section:

“(1) The term ‘appropriate committees of Congress’ means--

“(1) The term ‘Committee’ means the Advisory Committee on

United States and the Outlying Areas and Freely Associated States

established under subsection (a).

(b) Deadline for Establishment.--Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall establish the advisory committee required by section 1301 of title 10, United States Code.

(c) Deadline for Initial Appointments.--Not later than 90 days after the date on which the Secretary establishes the advisory committee required by such section 1301, the Secretary shall appoint the members of such advisory committee.

(d) Initial Meeting.--Not later than 180 days after the date on which the Secretary establishes the advisory committee required by such section 1301, such advisory committee shall hold its first meeting.