

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 118–40
OFFERED BY MR. MOYLAN OF GUAM

At the end of the bill (before the short title), insert the following:

1 **SEC. ____ . ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON UNITED STATES OUT-**
2 **LYING AREAS AND FREELY ASSOCIATED**
3 **STATES.**

4 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Chapter 7 of title 10, United
5 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
6 lowing new section:

7 **“§ 190. Advisory Committee on United States Out-**
8 **lying Areas and Freely Associated States**

9 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Defense, in
10 coordination with the senior defense official for Guam and
11 the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Energy, Installa-
12 tions, and Environment, shall establish an advisory com-
13 mittee to be known as the ‘Advisory Committee on United
14 States Outlying Areas and Freely Associated States’ to
15 provide advice and guidance to the Secretary on matters
16 related to military buildups and personnel increases in the
17 United States outlying areas and Freely Associated
18 States.

1 “(b) DUTIES.—The duties of the Committee shall be
2 the following:

3 “(1) To advise the Secretary on matters relat-
4 ing to building plans and structure fortification, the
5 preservation of historical sites, burial sites, and to
6 include how the Secretary can improve the programs
7 and services of the Department to better serve the
8 local populace.

9 “(2) To identify for the Secretary evolving
10 issues of relevance to the population.

11 “(3) To propose clarifications, recommenda-
12 tions, and solutions to address issues raised by the
13 local populace.

14 “(4) To provide a forum for the local populace
15 who are involved in service organizations and the
16 Department to discuss issues and proposals for
17 changes to regulations, policies, and procedures of
18 the Department.

19 “(5) To provide a forum for such residents who
20 are involved with and connected with the Depart-
21 ment of Defense employees who will oversee the
22 buildup of military presence and speaking for their
23 constituents who are affected by any buildup.

24 “(6) To identify priorities for any provide ad-
25 vice to the Secretary on appropriate strategies for

1 consultation with the advisory committee members
2 who represent the residents of the United States
3 Outlying Areas and Freely Associated States.

4 “(7) To encourage the Secretary to work with
5 other Federal departments and agencies and Con-
6 gress to ensure business and not-for-profit organiza-
7 tion located in the United States Outlying areas and
8 Freely Associated States are made aware of future
9 projects that will involve a military buildup in the
10 United States Outlying Areas and Freely Associated
11 States.

12 “(c) MEMBERSHIP.—(1) The Committee shall be
13 comprised of eight voting members appointed by the Sec-
14 retary.

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

17 “(A) At least one member is appointed to rep-
18 resent residents of each of the following areas:

19 “(i) American Samoa.

20 “(ii) Guam.

21 “(iii) Puerto Rico.

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

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

1 “(vi) The Federated States of Micronesia.

2 “(vii) The Republic of the Marshall Is-
3 lands.

4 “(viii) The Republic of Palau.

5 “(B) Not more than half of the members ap-
6 pointed are veterans.

7 “(C) Each member appointed resides in an area
8 listed in subparagraph (A).

9 “(3) In appointing members pursuant to paragraph
10 (1), the Secretary may consult with any Member of Con-
11 gress who represents an area specified in paragraph
12 (2)(A).

13 “(d) TERMS; VACANCIES.—(1) A member of the
14 Committee—

15 “(A) shall be appointed for a term of 2 years;
16 and

17 “(B) may be reappointed to serve an additional
18 2-year term.

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

22 “(e) MEETING FORMAT AND FREQUENCY.—(1) Ex-
23 cept as provided in paragraph (2), the Committee shall
24 meet in person with the Secretary not less frequently than
25 once each year and hold quarterly conference calls with

1 the Secretary as necessary. The committee will also meet
2 not less than once monthly.

3 “(2) Meetings held under paragraph (1) may be con-
4 ducted virtually if determined necessary based on Depart-
5 ment protocols, timing, and budget considerations.

6 “(f) ADDITIONAL REPRESENTATION.—(1) Rep-
7 resentatives of relevant Federal departments and agencies
8 may attend meetings of the Committee with the Secretary
9 of Defense and Secretaries of the military departments
10 and provide information to the Committee.

11 “(2) One representative of the Department shall at-
12 tend each meeting of the Committee.

13 “(3) Representatives attending meetings under this
14 subsection—

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

17 “(B) may not receive additional compensation
18 for services performed with respect to the Com-
19 mittee.

20 “(g) SUBCOMMITTEES.—(1) The Committee may es-
21 tablish subcommittees.

22 “(2) The Secretary may, in consultation with the
23 Committee, appoint a member to a subcommittee estab-
24 lished under paragraph (1) who is not a member of the
25 Committee.

1 “(3) A subcommittee established under paragraph (1)
2 may enhance the function of the Committee, but may not
3 supersede the authority of the Committee or provide direct
4 advice or work products to the Secretary.

5 “(h) REPORTS.—(1) Not later than October 1, 2026,
6 and not less than once every 2 years thereafter, the com-
7 mit shall submit to the Secretary and the appropriate com-
8 mittees of Congress a report—

9 “(A) containing such recommendations as the
10 Committee may have for legislative or administrative
11 action relating and military action that affects the
12 United States Outlying Areas and the Freely Associ-
13 ated States; and

14 “(B) describing the activities of the Committee
15 during the period covered by the report.

16 “(2) Not later than 120 days after the date on which
17 the Secretary receives a report under paragraph (1), the
18 Secretary shall submit to the appropriate committees of
19 Congress a written response to the report that includes
20 any comments of the Committee on such response.

21 “(i) COMMITTEE PERSONNEL MATTERS.—A member
22 of the Committee shall be allowed travel expenses, includ-
23 ing per diem in lieu of subsistence, at rates authorized
24 for an employee of an agency under subchapter I of chap-
25 ter 57 of title 5, United States Code, while away from

1 the home or regular place of business of the member in
2 the performance of the duties of the Committee.

3 “(j) TERMINATION.—The Committee shall terminate
4 on the date that is 20 years after the date of the enact-
5 ment of this section.

6 “(k) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

7 “(1) The term ‘appropriate committees of Con-
8 gress’ means—

9 “(A) the congressional defense committees;

10 and

11 “(B) with respect to any project to be car-
12 ried out by, or for the use of, an intelligence
13 component of the Department of Defense—

14 “(i) the Permanent Select Committee
15 on Intelligence of the House of Represent-
16 atives; and

17 “(ii) the Select Committee on Intel-
18 ligence of the Senate.

19 “(2) The term ‘Committee’ means the Advisory
20 Committee on United States and the Outlying Areas
21 and Freely Associated States established under sub-
22 section (a).

23 “(3) The term ‘United States outlying areas
24 and freely associated states’ means the Republic of

1 the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micro-
2 nesia, and the Republic of Palau.”.

3 (b) DEADLINE FOR ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later
4 than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,
5 the Secretary of Defense shall establish the advisory com-
6 mittee required by section 1301 of title 10, United States
7 Code.

8 (c) DEADLINE FOR INITIAL APPOINTMENTS.—Not
9 later than 90 days after the date on which the Secretary
10 establishes the advisory committee required by such sec-
11 tion 1301, the Secretary shall appoint the members of
12 such advisory committee.

13 (d) INITIAL MEETING.—Not later than 180 days
14 after the date on which the Secretary establishes the advi-
15 sory committee required by such section 1301, such advi-
16 sory committee shall hold its first meeting.

