

AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT

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In subtitle C of title III, add at the end the following:

1 SEC. 3____. PROHIBITION ON CLOSURE OF BLUE GRASS
2 ARMY DEPOT.

3 (a) PROHIBITION.—The Secretary of Defense shall
4 not take any action to close, mothball, divest, deactivate,
5 place in caretaker status, or otherwise render inoperable
6 Blue Grass Army Depot, unless—

7 (1) a similar or replacement facility has already
8 been created; and

9 (2) the action is authorized—

10 (A) in accordance with the provisions of
11 this section; or

12 (B) pursuant to an Act of Congress.

13 (b) EXCEPTION FOR SAFETY.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense
15 may suspend operations or limit access to Blue
16 Grass Army Depot if such action is necessary to ad-
17 dress an imminent threat to the health and safety of

1 personnel or to mitigate substantial environmental
2 hazards.

3 (2) REPORT REQUIRED.—The Secretary of De-
4 fense shall submit to the congressional defense com-
5 mittees a report that describes any action taken
6 under paragraph (1) not later than 15 days after
7 the date on which such suspension of operations or
8 limitation of access is initiated.

9 (c) NATIONAL SECURITY WAIVER.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense
11 may waive the prohibition under subsection (a) if the
12 Secretary determines that such a waiver is necessary
13 to address a critical national security interest of the
14 United States.

15 (2) NOTIFICATION REQUIRED.—Not later than
16 30 days prior to exercising the waiver under para-
17 graph (1), the Secretary shall submit to the congres-
18 sional defense committees—

19 (A) a written notification of the intent to
20 waive the prohibition;

21 (B) a detailed justification for the waiver,
22 including an assessment of the national security
23 interest at stake;

1 (C) an evaluation of potential impacts to
2 the readiness, industrial base capacity, and
3 surge requirements of the Army; and

4 (D) a description of any mitigation meas-
5 ures to be implemented.

6 (d) REPORTS REQUIRED.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days
8 after the date of the enactment of this Act, and an-
9 nually thereafter for five years, the Secretary of the
10 Army shall submit to the congressional defense com-
11 mittees a report on any planned changes in mission,
12 workload, or operating status of Blue Grass Army
13 Depot, including any planned investments or divest-
14 ments that may affect the capability or capacity of
15 Blue Grass Army Depot.

16 (e) MOTHBALL DEFINED.—In this section, the term
17 “mothball” means placing a facility in inactive status
18 while maintaining it in a condition such that it could be
19 reactivated at some future time.

