

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 115-

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Page 102, after line 13, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 2509. BRIEFING ON EMERGING INFECTIOUS DISEASE**

2 **AND PANDEMICS.**

3 (a) BRIEFING.—Not later than 120 days after the
4 date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of National
5 Intelligence shall provide to the appropriate congressional
6 committees a briefing on the anticipated geopolitical ef-
7 fects of emerging infectious disease (including deliberate,
8 accidental, and naturally occurring infectious disease
9 threats) and pandemics, and their implications on the na-
10 tional security of the United States.

11 (b) CONTENT.—The briefing under subsection (a)
12 shall assess—

13 (1) the economic, social, political, and security
14 risks, costs, and impacts of emerging infectious dis-
15 eases on the United States and the international po-
16 litical and economic system;

17 (2) the economic, social, political, and security
18 risks, costs, and impacts of a major transnational

1 pandemic on the United States and the international
2 political and economic system; and

3 (3) contributing trends and factor to the mat-
4 ters assessed under paragraphs (1) and (2).

5 (c) EXAMINATION OF RESPONSE CAPACITY.—In ex-
6 amining the risks, costs, and impacts of emerging infec-
7 tious disease and a possible transnational pandemic under
8 subsection (b), the Director of National Intelligence shall
9 also examine in the briefing under subsection (a) the re-
10 sponse capacity within affected countries and the inter-
11 national system. In considering response capacity, the Di-
12 rector shall include—

13 (1) the ability of affected nations to effectively
14 detect and manage emerging infectious diseases and
15 a possible transnational pandemic;

16 (2) the role and capacity of international orga-
17 nizations and nongovernmental organizations to re-
18 spond to emerging infectious disease and a possible
19 pandemic, and their ability to coordinate with af-
20 fected and donor nations; and

21 (3) the effectiveness of current international
22 frameworks, agreements, and health systems to re-
23 spond to emerging infectious diseases and a possible
24 transnational pandemic.

1 (d) FORM.—The briefing under subsection (a) may
2 be classified.

3 (e) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DE-
4 FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate congres-
5 sional committees” means—

6 (1) the congressional intelligence committees;

7 (2) the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the
8 Committee on Armed Services, and the Committee
9 on Appropriations of the House of Representatives;
10 and

11 (3) the Committee on Foreign Relations, the
12 Committee on Armed Services, and the Committee
13 on Appropriations of the Senate.

