

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 116-19**  
**OFFERED BY MR. BLUMENAUER OF OREGON**

At the appropriate place in subtitle B of title XII,  
insert the following:

1 **SEC. 12 \_\_\_\_ . SPECIAL IMMIGRANT VISA PROGRAM REPORT-**  
2 **ING REQUIREMENT.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the  
4 date of the enactment of this Act, the Inspector General  
5 of the Department of State shall submit a report, which  
6 may contain a classified annex, to—

7 (1) the Committee on the Judiciary, the Com-  
8 mittee on Foreign Relations, and the Committee on  
9 Armed Services of the Senate; and

10 (2) the Committee on the Judiciary, the Com-  
11 mittee on Foreign Affairs, and the Committee on  
12 Armed Services of the House of Representatives.

13 (b) CONTENTS.—The report submitted under sub-  
14 section (a) shall evaluate the obstacles to effective protec-  
15 tion of Afghan and Iraqi allies through the special immi-  
16 grant visa programs and suggestions for improvements in  
17 future programs, including information relating to—

18 (1) the hiring of locally employed staff and con-  
19 tractors;

1           (2) documenting the identity and employment  
2 of locally employed staff and contractors of the  
3 United States Government, including the possibility  
4 of establishing a central database of employees of  
5 the United States Government and its contractors;

6           (3) the protection and safety of employees of lo-  
7 cally employed staff and contractors;

8           (4) means of expediting processing at all stages  
9 of the process for applicants, including consideration  
10 of reducing required forms;

11           (5) appropriate staffing levels for expedited  
12 processing domestically and abroad;

13           (6) the effect of uncertainty of visa availability  
14 on visa processing;

15           (7) the cost and availability of medical examina-  
16 tions; and

17           (8) means to reduce delays in interagency proc-  
18 essing and security checks.

19       (c) CONSULTATION.—In preparing the report under  
20 subsection (a), the Inspector General shall consult with  
21 current and, to the extent possible, former employees of—

22           (1) the Department of State, Bureau of Con-  
23 sular Affairs, Visa Office;

1           (2) the Department of State, Bureau of Near  
2           Eastern Affairs and South and Central Asian Af-  
3           fairs, Executive Office;

4           (3) the United States embassy in Kabul, Af-  
5           ghanistan, Consular Section;

6           (4) the United States embassy in Baghdad,  
7           Iraq, Consular Section;

8           (5) the Department of Homeland Security, U.S.  
9           Citizenship and Immigration Services;

10          (6) the Department of Defense; and

11          (7) non-governmental organizations providing  
12          legal aid in the special immigrant visa application  
13          process.

