

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
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OFFERED BY MR. BRIDENSTINE OF OKLAHOMA**

Add at the end of subtitle E of title XII the following:

1 **SEC. 1259. REPORT ON COLLECTIVE AND NATIONAL SECURITY IMPLICATIONS OF CENTRAL ASIAN AND SOUTH CAUCASUS ENERGY DEVELOPMENT.**

4 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

5 (1) Assured access to stable energy supplies is
6 an enduring concern of both the United States and
7 the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) .

8 (2) Adopted in Lisbon in November 2010, the
9 new NATO Strategic Concept declares that “[s]ome
10 NATO countries will become more dependent on foreign
11 energy suppliers and in some cases, on foreign
12 energy supply and distribution networks for their energy
13 needs”.

14 (3) The report required by section 1233 of the
15 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
16 2012 (Public Law 112–81) reaffirmed the Strategic
17 Concept’s assessment of growing energy dependence
18 of some members of the NATO alliance and also

1 noted there is value in the assured access, protec-
2 tion, and delivery of energy.

3 (4) Development of energy resources and tran-
4 sit routes in the areas surrounding the Caspian Sea
5 can diversify sources of supply for members of the
6 NATO alliance, particularly those in Eastern Eu-
7 rope.

8 (b) REPORT.—

9 (1) REPORT.—Not later than 270 days after
10 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
11 of Defense shall, in consultation with the Secretary
12 of State and the Secretary of Energy, submit to the
13 appropriate congressional committees a detailed re-
14 port on the implications of new energy resource de-
15 velopment and distribution networks, both planned
16 and under construction, in the areas surrounding the
17 Caspian Sea for energy security strategies of the
18 United States and NATO.

19 (2) ELEMENTS.—The report required by para-
20 graph (1) shall include the following:

21 (A) An assessment of the dependence of
22 NATO members on a single oil or natural gas
23 supplier or distribution network.

24 (B) An assessment of the potential of en-
25 ergy resources of the areas surrounding the

1 Caspian Sea to mitigate such dependence on a
2 single supplier or distribution network.

3 (C) Recommendations, if any, for ways in
4 which the United States can help support in-
5 creased energy security for NATO members.

6 (3) SUBMISSION OF CLASSIFIED INFORMA-
7 TION.—The report under this subsection shall be
8 submitted in unclassified form, but may contain a
9 classified annex.

10 (c) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DE-
11 FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate congres-
12 sional committees” means—

13 (1) the Committee on Armed Services and the
14 Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Rep-
15 resentatives; and

16 (2) the Committee on Armed Services and the
17 Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate.

