

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 119-8
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At the end of subtitle D of title VIII, insert the following new section:

1 SEC. 8 ____ . ASSESSMENT OF CRITICAL DEFENSE MINERAL
2 SUPPLY CHAIN VULNERABILITIES.

- 3 (a) IN GENERAL.**—The Comptroller General of the
4 United States shall conduct an assessment of the supply
5 chains of critical defense minerals for the defense indus-
6 trial base to identify vulnerabilities in such supply chains.
- 7 (b) REPORT.**—Not later than 365 days after the date
8 of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of
9 the United States shall submit to Committees on Armed
10 Services of the House of Representatives and Senate a re-
11 port on the findings of the assessment conducted under
12 subsection (a), including—
- 13 (1) an identification of each source of each crit-**
14 ical defense mineral described in such subsection;
- 15 (2) an evaluation of the barriers to expanding**
16 the domestic capacity for mining and producing such
17 critical defense minerals; and

1 (3) recommendations for Congress and appro-
2 priate Federal agencies to incentivize the domestic
3 production of such critical defense minerals.

4 (c) CRITICAL DEFENSE MINERALS DEFINED.—In
5 this section, the term “critical defense mineral” means a
6 mineral that is essential to manufacturing to supply the
7 military, industrial, and essential civilian needs of the
8 United States for national defense, including rare earth
9 elements, lithium, cobalt, and nickel.

