AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT

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At the end of title V of division D, insert the following:

SEC. 30504. REPORT ON SUPPORT FOR BIODEFENSE STEERING COMMITTEE IN IMPLEMENTATION OF NATIONAL BIODEFENSE STRATEGY.

(a) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of National Intelligence, in coordination with the heads of such other elements of the intelligence community as the Director may determine relevant, shall submit to the congressional intelligence committees a report on the efforts of the intelligence community to support the Biodefense Steering Committee in the implementation of the National Biodefense Strategy.

(b) MATTERS.—The report under subsection (a) shall include the following:

(1) A description of any previous, ongoing, or planned efforts or activities of the intelligence community to support the implementation of the Na-
tional Biodefense Strategy by the Biodefense Steering Committee.

(2) An inventory and assessment of any existing strategy, plan, or policy of the intelligence community, or interagency agreement entered into by the intelligence community, that relates to the provision of support to the Biodefense Steering Committee, including for the implementation of the National Biodefense Strategy.

(3) A description of assessed opportunities for the intelligence community to further enhance the capabilities and effectiveness of the Biodefense Steering Committee with respect to the implementation of the National Biodefense Strategy.

(4) An assessment of foreign biological threats emanating from the territory of, or sponsored by, a covered country.

(c) FORM.—The report under subsection (a) may be submitted in classified form.

(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) BIODEFENSE.—The term “biodefense” includes actions to counter biological threats, reduce risks relating to biological threats, and prepare for, respond to, and recover from, biological incidents.
(2) Biodefense steering committee.—The term “Biodefense Steering Committee” means the committee established pursuant to the presidential memorandum issued on September 18, 2018, and titled “Presidential Memorandum on the Support for National Biodefense”, or any successor to such committee.

(3) Biological threat.—The term “biological threat” includes biological warfare, bioterrorism, naturally occurring infectious diseases, and accidental exposures.

(4) Congressional intelligence committees; intelligence community.—The terms “congressional intelligence committees” and “intelligence community” have the meanings given those terms in section 3 of the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3003).

(5) Covered country.—The term “covered country” means—

(A) the People’s Republic of China;

(B) the Russian Federation;

(C) the Islamic Republic of Iran;

(D) the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea;
(E) any country with a known history of, or assessed to have conditions present for, infectious disease outbreaks or epidemics; and

(F) any other country the Director of National Intelligence determines appropriate.

(6) FOREIGN BIOLOGICAL THREAT.—The term “foreign biological threat” means biological warfare, bioterrorism, naturally occurring infectious diseases, and accidental exposures to biological materials, without regard to whether the threat originates from a state actor, a non-state actor, natural conditions, or an undetermined source.