

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 115-70
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At the end of title XII, add the following new sub-
title:

1 **Subtitle __—Reporting on Influence**
2 **and Subversion by the Kremlin Act**

3 **SEC. __1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This subtitle may be cited as the “Reporting on Infl-
5 ence and Subversion by the Kremlin Act” or “RISK Act”.

6 **SEC. __2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

8 (1) In 1986, an interagency working group
9 issued a report assessing “active measures” by the
10 former Soviet Union against the United States.

11 (2) The working group concluded that “there is
12 a massive and highly organized effort by the Soviet
13 Union and its proxies to influence world opinion”.

14 (3) The working group further observed that
15 “this effort includes public diplomacy to enhance the
16 Soviet image abroad and . . . also includes a per-
17 sistent, widespread program of disinformation and
18 deception designed to discredit the U.S. image
19 abroad and disrupt U.S. policy objectives.”.

1 (4) Active measures by the Russian Federation
2 have shown no diminution since the last report
3 issued by the working group in 1987, including—

4 (A) to influence world opinion;

5 (B) to undercut democratic processes and
6 institutions in the United States and partner
7 nations;

8 (C) to challenge the international liberal
9 order; and

10 (D) to establish an unfettered sphere of in-
11 fluence.

12 (5) The Director of National Intelligence con-
13 cluded in light of the Russian Federation’s hacking
14 of the 2016 presidential election that “Russian ef-
15 forts to influence the 2016 U.S. presidential election
16 represent the most recent expression of Moscow’s
17 longstanding desire to undermine the U.S.-led liberal
18 democratic order.”.

19 (6) The Russian Federation is deploying an
20 array of military, cyber, intelligence, and economic
21 tactics to weaken United States democratic institu-
22 tions, divide Europe from the United States, divide
23 Europe from within, undermine organizations such
24 as the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and the

1 European Union, and coerce partners to cooperate
2 with Russia.

3 (7) Militarily, Russian President Vladimir Putin
4 ordered the forcible and illegal occupation of Crimea
5 in March 2014 and the invasion of Georgia in 2008.

6 (8) The Russian military, in which President
7 Putin has invested heavily, continues to engage in
8 acts of aggression and intimidation against United
9 States allies across Europe.

10 (9) The Russian Federation's subversive activi-
11 ties undermine trust in democratic systems, giving
12 rise to political instability.

13 **SEC. 3. ASSESSMENT OF SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES BY THE**
14 **RUSSIAN FEDERATION.**

15 (a) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
16 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall
17 submit to the appropriate congressional committees a re-
18 port setting forth an assessment, obtained by the Sec-
19 retary for purposes of the report, of subversive activities
20 by the Russian Federation.

21 (b) INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENT.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—The assessment obtained for
23 purposes of subsection (a) shall be conducted by a
24 federally funded research and development center
25 (FFRDC), or another appropriate independent enti-

1 ty with expertise in diplomatic and military develop-
2 ments in Europe and the Russian Federation, se-
3 lected by the Secretary for purposes of the assess-
4 ment.

5 (2) USE OF PREVIOUS STUDIES.—The entity
6 conducting the assessment may use and incorporate
7 information from previous studies on matters appro-
8 priate to the assessment.

9 (c) ELEMENTS.—The assessment obtained for pur-
10 poses of subsection (a) shall include the following:

11 (1) An assessment of disinformation and propa-
12 ganda activities of the Russian Federation, including
13 an assessment of—

14 (A) support for disinformation and propa-
15 ganda activities with respect to the United
16 States and foreign countries;

17 (B) the overall structure of the Russian
18 Government’s disinformation and influence ap-
19 paratus, including its intelligence agencies and
20 propaganda outlets such as Russia Today; and

21 (C) propaganda techniques, including for-
22 gery, use of media representatives and proxies,
23 use of front organizations, and efforts to influ-
24 ence international organizations.

1 (2) An assessment of support by the Russian
2 Federation for separatist activities and other aggres-
3 sive actions aimed at undermining the sovereignty of
4 foreign countries, particularly in Ukraine and the
5 Baltic countries.

6 (3) An assessment of cyber intrusions by the
7 Russian Federation to influence the infrastructure
8 and democratic processes in the United States and
9 other countries.

10 (4) An assessment of—

11 (A) the use of energy exports by the Rus-
12 sian Federation for purposes of political or eco-
13 nomic coercion; and

14 (B) significant investment in energy infra-
15 structure, including pipelines, by the Govern-
16 ment of Russia or Russian-controlled entities.

17 (5) An assessment of the deterioration of demo-
18 cratic conditions in the Russian Federation, includ-
19 ing—

20 (A) suppression of freedom of the press;

21 (B) detention, beating, and murder of po-
22 litical activists and opposition leaders;

23 (C) suppression of minority rights;

24 (D) suppression of human rights; and

1 (E) efforts to undermine the Russian non-
2 governmental organizations and Russian civil
3 society.

4 (d) FORM.—The report required under subsection (a)
5 shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may include
6 a classified annex.

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

- 10 (1) the congressional defense committees; and
11 (2) the Committee on Foreign Relations of the
12 Senate and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the
13 House of Representatives.

