

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 115-

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At the end of title V of division B, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 2509. ASSESSMENT OF SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES BY**
2 **THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION.**

3 (a) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
4 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall
5 submit to Congress a report setting forth an assessment,
6 obtained by the Secretary for purposes of the report, of
7 subversive activities by the Russian Federation.

8 (b) INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENT.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—The assessment obtained for
10 purposes of subsection (a) shall be conducted by a
11 federally funded research and development center, or
12 another appropriate independent entity with exper-
13 tise in diplomatic and military developments in Eu-
14 rope and the Russian Federation, selected by the
15 Secretary for purposes of the assessment.

16 (2) USE OF PREVIOUS STUDIES.—The entity
17 conducting the assessment may use and incorporate

1 information from previous studies on matters appro-
2 priate to the assessment.

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

5 (1) An assessment of disinformation and propa-
6 ganda activities of the Russian Federation, including
7 an assessment of—

8 (A) support for disinformation and propa-
9 ganda activities with respect to the United
10 States and foreign countries;

11 (B) the overall structure of the Russian
12 Government’s disinformation and influence ap-
13 paratus, including its intelligence agencies and
14 propaganda outlets such as Russia Today; and

15 (C) propaganda techniques, including for-
16 gery, use of media representatives and proxies,
17 use of front organizations, and efforts to influ-
18 ence international organizations.

19 (2) An assessment of support by the Russian
20 Federation for separatist activities and other aggres-
21 sive actions aimed at undermining the sovereignty of
22 foreign countries, particularly in Ukraine and the
23 Baltic countries.

24 (3) An assessment of cyber intrusions by the
25 Russian Federation to influence the infrastructure

1 and democratic processes in the United States and
2 other countries.

3 (4) An assessment of—

4 (A) the use of energy exports by the Rus-
5 sian Federation for purposes of political or eco-
6 nomic coercion; and

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

10 (5) An assessment of the deterioration of demo-
11 cratic conditions in the Russian Federation, includ-
12 ing—

13 (A) suppression of freedom of the press;

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

16 (C) suppression of minority rights;

17 (D) suppression of human rights; and

18 (E) efforts to undermine the Russian non-
19 governmental organizations and Russian civil
20 society.

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

