

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 117-

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At the end of subtitle C of title VIII, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 8___. ENSURING CONSIDERATION OF THE NATIONAL**
2 **SECURITY IMPACTS OF URANIUM AS A CRIT-**
3 **ICAL MINERAL.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense, in co-
5 ordination with the Secretary of Energy and the Secretary
6 of Commerce, shall conduct an assessment of the effect
7 on national security that would result from uranium ceas-
8 ing to be designated as a critical mineral by the Secretary
9 of the Interior under section 7002(c) of the Energy Act
10 of 2020 (Public Law 116-260; 30 U.S.C. 1606(c)).

11 (b) REPORT.—The Secretary of Defense shall submit
12 to the congressional defense committees a report on the
13 findings of the assessment conducted under subsection (a),
14 including—

15 (1) the effects of the loss of domestic uranium
16 production on—

17 (A) Federal national security programs, in-
18 cluding any existing and potential future uses

1 of unobligated uranium originating from domes-
2 tic sources; and

3 (B) the energy security of the United
4 States;

5 (2) a description of the extent of the reliance of
6 the United States on imports of uranium from for-
7 eign sources, including from state-owned entities, to
8 supply fuel for commercial reactors; and

9 (3) the effects of such reliance and other fac-
10 tors on the domestic production, conversion, fabrica-
11 tion, and enrichment of uranium.

12 (c) URANIUM CRITICAL MINERAL DESIGNATION
13 CHANGE RESTRICTED.—Notwithstanding section 7002(c)
14 of the Energy Act of 2020 (Public Law 116-260; 30
15 U.S.C. 1606(c)), until the submission of the report re-
16 quired under subsection (b), the designation of uranium
17 as a critical mineral pursuant to such section may not be
18 altered or eliminated.

