

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 116–

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At the end of subtitle A of title XVII, insert the following:

1 SEC. 17____. SECURITY ASSESSMENT OF DEPARTMENT OF
2 DEFENSE VIDEO CONFERENCING SYSTEMS.

3 (a) ASSESSMENT.—Not later than 180 days after the
4 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of De-
5 fense, in coordination with the Director of the Defense In-
6 formation Systems Agency, shall conduct an assessment
7 regarding whether any video conferencing system used by
8 Department of Defense personnel in the course of their
9 official duties—

10 (1) fails to employ end-to-end encryption with
11 respect to official communications transmitted by
12 Department personnel;

13 (2) transfers or stores any official communica-
14 tions transmitted by Department personnel in the
15 People’s Republic of China (including any Special
16 Administrative Region thereof) or the Russian Fed-
17 eration;

1 (3) transfers or stores any official communica-
2 tions transmitted by Department personnel in any
3 other country which is not a signatory of the United
4 Kingdom–United States of America Agreement
5 (commonly referred to as the “Five Eyes”); or

6 (4) otherwise engages in practices which the
7 Secretary determines may present a tangible threat
8 to the privacy of communications transmitted by De-
9 partment personnel.

10 (b) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 30 days
11 after completing the assessment under subsection (a), the
12 Secretary shall submit to the congressional defense com-
13 mittees the findings of the assessment.

14 (c) LIMITATION ON USE.—Not later than 30 days
15 after completing the assessment under subsection (a), the
16 Secretary shall prohibit the use of any video conferencing
17 system identified as transferring or storing communication
18 as described in paragraph (2) of such subsection.

19 (d) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—The prohibition
20 under subsection (c) shall not be construed as limiting the
21 authority of the Secretary to prohibit the use of other
22 video conferencing systems on other grounds, including
23 those grounds described in paragraphs (1), (3), and (4)
24 of subsection (a).

