

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 116-**

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At the end of subtitle A of title XVII, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 17\_\_\_ . SENSE OF CONGRESS AND STRATEGY ON CATA-**  
2 **STROPHIC CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE FAIL-**  
3 **URE RESPONSE.**

4 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-  
5 gress that—

6 (1) the occurrence of a catastrophic critical in-  
7 frastructure failure event, in which key networks fa-  
8 cilitating the delivery of essential services such as  
9 electricity, water, or communications fail for an ex-  
10 tended duration, would constitute a significant  
11 threat to the national security and common welfare  
12 of the United States;

13 (2) such a catastrophic critical infrastructure  
14 failure event could occur by various means, including  
15 but not limited to those linked to natural phe-  
16 nomenon (including earthquakes, hurricanes, or geo-  
17 magnetic disturbances) or military conflict (includ-

1       ing cyberattacks, electromagnetic pulse effects, or ki-  
2       netic assault); and

3           (3) the Department of the Defense should  
4       strengthen its preparedness for catastrophic critical  
5       infrastructure failure events, including with respect  
6       to preemptive infrastructure enhancements, the fa-  
7       cilitation of resiliency and relief efforts in the after-  
8       math thereto, and the mitigation of impacts of such  
9       an event on activities of the Department.

10       (b) STRATEGY.—

11           (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year  
12       after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
13       retary of Defense shall submit to the congressional  
14       defense committees a report that includes an anal-  
15       ysis of each of the following:

16           (A) Particular threat scenarios involving  
17       catastrophic critical infrastructure failure  
18       events which the Secretary believes could be  
19       adequately addressed by existing Department of  
20       Defense plans and resources.

21           (B) Particular threat scenarios involving  
22       catastrophic critical infrastructure failure  
23       events which the Secretary believes could not  
24       currently be adequately addressed by existing  
25       Department of Defense plans and resources.

1           (C) Unique challenges, with respect to ac-  
2           tivities and operations of the Department of  
3           Defense, presented by catastrophic critical in-  
4           frastructure failure events involving geo-  
5           magnetic disturbance or electromagnetic pulse  
6           events.

7           (D) Strategies to increase future prepared-  
8           ness with respect to any threat scenarios identi-  
9           fied pursuant to subparagraph (B).

10          (2) FORM.—The report under paragraph (1)  
11          may be submitted in classified form, but if so sub-  
12          mitted, shall be accompanied by an unclassified sum-  
13          mary.

