

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 118-10**  
**OFFERED BY MR. COURTNEY OF CONNECTICUT**

At the end of title XIII, add the following:

1 **SEC. \_\_. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

2 It is the sense of Congress that—

3 (1) the commitment of the trilateral security  
4 agreement between Australia, the United Kingdom,  
5 and the United States (in this section referred to as  
6 “AUKUS”), and specifically the United States, to  
7 develop an Australian nuclear-powered submarine  
8 capability through Pillar I of AUKUS is necessary  
9 to deter aggression in the Indo-Pacific region;

10 (2) the value of United States-made undersea  
11 platforms is an unmatched, asymmetric advantage  
12 across the globe, particularly vis-à-vis the Chinese  
13 naval fleet, but the People’s Liberation Army Navy’s  
14 undersea capabilities are quickly amassing and clos-  
15 ing the gap as United States production fails to keep  
16 pace;

17 (3) it is essential to maintain a minimum pro-  
18 duction rate of two submarines a year for the United  
19 States to meet its own national security require-  
20 ments, and to support AUKUS goals it will require

1 an expansion of the submarine industrial base and  
2 production capacity;

3 (4) achieving the undersea goals of AUKUS—  
4 and achieving an allied and significant SSN Indo-  
5 Pacific theater presence—will be a multi-decade and  
6 multi-generational effort that will require substantial  
7 financial investment and time by the three countries  
8 of AUKUS;

9 (5) similarly, it is essential that in the build-up  
10 to assuming independent capabilities, the Australian  
11 submarine industrial base is properly trained to  
12 maintain and sustain nuclear-powered submarines  
13 and manage associated security activities, as is such  
14 with the United States and United Kingdom; and

15 (6) balancing the needs of the United States at  
16 home with AUKUS's strategic security imperatives  
17 are not mutually exclusive aims, nor are the chal-  
18 lenges beyond the resolve of the three countries of  
19 AUKUS, and it is critical that the three countries  
20 embark upon the preparatory activities that will lead  
21 to the success of Pillar I of AUKUS.

22 **SEC. \_\_. AUSTRALIA, UNITED KINGDOM, AND UNITED**  
23 **STATES SUBMARINE SECURITY TRAINING.**

24 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The President may transfer or  
25 authorize the export of defense services to the Government

1 of Australia under the Arms Export Control Act (22  
2 U.S.C. 2751 et seq.) that may also be directly exported  
3 to Australian private-sector personnel to support the de-  
4 velopment of the Australian submarine industrial base  
5 necessary for submarine security activities under AUKUS,  
6 including in cases in which such private-sector personnel  
7 are not officers, employees, or agents of the Government  
8 of Australia.

9 (b) APPLICATION OF REQUIREMENTS FOR FURTHER  
10 TRANSFER.—Any transfer of defense services to the Gov-  
11 ernment of Australia pursuant to subsection (a) to persons  
12 other than those directly provided such defense services  
13 pursuant to such subsection shall only be made in accord-  
14 ance with the requirements of the Arms Export Control  
15 Act (22 U.S.C. 2751 et seq.).

