

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 118-

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At the end of subtitle C of title XVIII, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 18_. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON POLITICIZATION OF**
2 **THE MILITARY.**

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

5 (1) Congress strongly condemns Lieutenant
6 General DeAnna Burt for the remarks made during
7 the 12th Annual DoD LGBTQ+ Pride Event, in
8 which this individual politicized the military's stance
9 on domestic policies;

10 (2) the military should remain apolitical and re-
11 frain from engaging in political discussions or taking
12 positions on domestic policies, in order to preserve
13 its readiness, effectiveness, and ability to fulfill its
14 core mission of national defense;

15 (3) this section affirms the importance of main-
16 taining the merit-based selection process within the
17 military, where job performance, qualifications, and
18 relevant experience are the primary factors consid-

1 ered when evaluating personnel for assignments,
2 transfers, promotions, and command positions; and
3 (4) military personnel should remain focused on
4 their duties, committed to the principles of national
5 defense, and mindful of the need to uphold the apo-
6 litical nature of the armed forces.

7 (b) COMMUNICATION TO APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS.—
8 This section shall be communicated to Lieutenant General
9 DeAnna Burt, the Secretary of Defense, and all relevant
10 military officials to emphasize the concerns expressed by
11 the Congress regarding the politicization of the military
12 and its potential negative impacts on military readiness.

