

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 117-

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At the end of subtitle B of title IX, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 9 ____ . ESTABLISHMENT OF 1ST EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE**
2 **DISPOSAL COMMAND.**

3 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The President, acting
4 through the Secretary of Defense and Secretary of the
5 Army and with the advice and assistance of the Chairman
6 of the Joints Chiefs of Staff, shall establish within the
7 Army Special Operations Command of the United States
8 Special Operations Command a command to be known as
9 the “1st Explosive Ordnance Disposal Command” (in this
10 section referred to as the “EOD Command”). The prin-
11 cipal function of the EOD Command shall be to prepare
12 Army explosive ordnance disposal forces to carry out as-
13 signed strategic, operational, and tactical level missions
14 across the full range of military operations.

15 (b) COMMANDER.—There is a Commander of the
16 EOD Command. The Commander—

1 (1) shall be selected by the Secretary of the
2 Army from among the general officers of the Army
3 who—

4 (A) hold a rank of major general or higher;

5 and

6 (B) have professional qualifications relat-
7 ing to explosive ordnance disposal; and

8 (2) shall serve as the co-chair of the Depart-
9 ment of Defense explosive ordnance disposal defense
10 program pursuant to section 2284(b)(5) of title 10,
11 United States Code.

12 (c) DUTIES.—The duties of the EOD Command shall
13 be to carry out—

14 (1) explosive ordnance disposal irregular war-
15 fare activities in support of the Commander of the
16 United States Special Operations Command; and

17 (2) explosive ordnance disposal activities in sup-
18 port of—

19 (A) civilian law enforcement agencies
20 through the Commanders of the United States
21 Northern Command and the United States
22 Indo-Pacific Command;

23 (B) service support of the President
24 through the White House Military Office;

25 (C) combatant commanders; and

1 (D) the heads of such other departments
2 and agencies of the Federal Government as the
3 Secretary of Defense considers appropriate.

4 (d) HEADQUARTERS.—The headquarters of the EOD
5 Command shall be located at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

6 (e) ASSIGNMENT OF FORCES.—Effective on the date
7 of the establishment of the EOD Command under sub-
8 section (a), the United States Army Forces Command
9 20th Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and
10 High-Yield Explosives Command shall be transferred to
11 and incorporated within the EOD Command.

12 (f) ADDITIONAL TRANSFERS.—Not later than 30
13 days after the date of the establishment of the EOD Com-
14 mand under subsection (a), the Secretary of the Army
15 shall transfer from the Army Forces Command to the
16 EOD Command—

17 (1) five Explosive Ordnance Disposal Groups
18 stationed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, Fort
19 Campbell, Kentucky, Eglin Air Force Base, Florida,
20 Fort Carson, Colorado, Joint Base Lewis McChord,
21 Washington; and

22 (2) one Sustainment Brigade stationed at Joint
23 Base Lewis McChord, Washington.

1 (g) TIMELINE FOR OPERATIONAL CAPABILITY.—The
2 Secretary of the Army shall ensure that the EOD Com-
3 mand—

4 (1) achieves early operational capability not
5 later than 90 days after the date of the enactment
6 of this Act; and

7 (2) achieves full operational capability not later
8 than one year after such date of enactment.

9 (h) TREATMENT AS IRREGULAR WARFARE AND LOW
10 INTENSITY CONFLICT ACTIVITY.—Consistent with the es-
11 tablishment of the EOD Command within the Army Spe-
12 cial Operations Command of the United States Special
13 Operations Command, the Secretary of the Army shall
14 treat explosive ordnance disposal as an irregular warfare
15 and low intensity conflict activity. The activities of the
16 EOD Command shall be carried out using funds made
17 available to the Army for Major Force Program 2 (MPF-
18 2) “General Purpose Forces” (as described in the future-
19 years defense program submitted to Congress under sec-
20 tion 221 of title 10, United States Code).

21 (i) EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL ACTIVITIES
22 DEFINED.—In this section, the term “explosive ordnance
23 disposal” means activities relating to the detection, defeat,
24 disablement, neutralization, analysis and disposal of explo-
25 sive ordnance during direct action, strategic reconnais-

1 sance, unconventional warfare, foreign internal defense,
2 civil affairs, military information support operations,
3 counterterrorism, humanitarian assistance, theater search
4 and rescue, low intensity conflict, combat operations, and
5 such other activities as may be specified by the President
6 or the Secretary of Defense. Explosive ordnance disposal
7 activities include—

8 (1) gaining access to anti-access and area de-
9 nial munitions;

10 (2) preventing detonation signals via electro-
11 magnetic spectrum;

12 (3) identifying manufactured and improvised
13 explosive ordnance, including nuclear, biological, and
14 chemical ordnance;

15 (4) rendering-safe, recovering, exploiting, trans-
16 porting, and safely disposing of explosive ordnance
17 (as defined in section 283 of title 10, United States
18 Code); and

19 (5) gathering and analyzing explosive ordnance
20 intelligence with respect to weapon systems employ-
21 ing explosive ordnance, including de-fueling inter-
22 continental, intermediate, medium and short-range
23 missile systems.

