AMENDMENT TO
RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 118–10
OFFERED BY MR. CUELLAR OF TEXAS

At the end of subtitle E of title XII, insert the following new section:

SEC. 12. GREAT POWER COMPETITION IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE ADVISORY COMMISSION.

(a) Establishment.—There is established in the legislative branch a Great Power Competition in the Western Hemisphere Advisory Commission (in this section referred to as the “Commission”).

(b) Duties of Commission.—The Commission shall—

(1) review global great power competition, both historical and current;

(2) review the progress of any studies, assessments, or other reports relating to great power competition in the Western Hemisphere conducted by or on behalf of the Secretary of Defense, including pursuant to a statutory requirement;

(3) develop and review legislative proposals with respect to great power competition in the Western Hemisphere;
(4) monitor the progress of administrative policies of the Federal Government relating to great power competition in the Western Hemisphere;

(5) review the allocation of Federal civilian employees and members of the Armed Forces regarding great power competition in the Western Hemisphere;

(6) review the results of Federal interagency cooperative efforts regarding great power competition in the Western Hemisphere; and

(7) evaluate and make recommendations to the President and Congress regarding—

(A) the effectiveness of existing Federal policies regarding great power competition in the Western Hemisphere;

(B) the allocation of the personnel referred to in paragraph (5) to geographic combatant commands, interagency task forces, or other Federal departments or agencies, to address great power competition in the Western Hemisphere; and

(C) proposals for policies, legislation, and funding to address great power competition in the Western Hemisphere.

(c) MEMBERSHIP.—
(1) APPOINTMENT.—The Commission shall be composed of 17 members appointed by the Chairman of the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives, in consultation with the Ranking Member of such Committee, as follows:

(A) At least one member nominated by each of the following:

(i) The Secretary of Commerce.

(ii) The Secretary of Defense.

(iii) The Secretary of Homeland Security.

(iv) The Secretary of State.

(v) The Attorney General.

(B) At least one member employed by, or assigned to, the Joint Interagency Task Force South.

(C) At least one member employed by, or assigned to, the Joint Task Force North.

(D) At least one member employed by, or assigned to, the Defense Security Cooperation Agency.

(E) Two members from among the staff of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives.
(F) Two members from among the staff of the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate.

(G) Two members from among the staff of the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives.

(H) Two members from among the staff of the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate.

(2) TERMS.—Each member shall be appointed for the life of the Commission.

(3) VACANCIES.—A vacancy in the Commission shall be filled in the manner in which the original appointment was made.

(4) PAY.—Members of the Commission may not be compensated for their service on the Commission.

(5) TRAVEL EXPENSES.—Each member shall receive travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, in accordance with applicable provisions under subchapter I of chapter 57 of title 5, United States Code.

(6) CHAIRPERSON.—The Chairperson of the Commission shall be elected from among the members of the Commission by majority vote.

(d) POWERS OF THE COMMISSION.—
(1) **Hearings and Sessions.**—The Commission may, for the purpose of carrying out this section, hold hearings, sit and act at times and places, take testimony, and receive evidence as the Commission considers appropriate. The Commission may administer oaths or affirmations to witnesses appearing before it.

(2) **Powers of Members and Agents.**—Any member or agent of the Commission may, if authorized by the Commission, take any action which the Commission is authorized to take by this section.

(3) **Obtaining Official Data.**—Subject to the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552), the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a), and any other relevant provision of law relating to the protection of privacy, and consistent with the protection of intelligence sources and methods, the Commission may secure directly from any department or agency of the United States Government any information necessary for the Commission to carry out its duties under this section, and upon request of the Commission, the head of that department or agency shall furnish such information to the Commission.

(4) **Administrative Support Services.**—Upon the request of the Commission, the Adminis-
trator of General Services shall provide to the Com-
mission, on a reimbursable basis, the administrative
support services necessary for the Commission to
carry out its responsibilities under this Act.

(e) REPORT.—Not later than September 30, 2024,
the Commission shall submit to the Committees on Armed
Services of the House of Representatives and the Senate
a report on the findings of the Commission, including the
recommendations specified in subsection (b)(7).

(f) TERMINATION.—The Commission shall terminate
on September 30, 2024.