

**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:

1 **SEC. 12\_\_\_ . GREAT POWER COMPETITION IN THE WESTERN**  
2 **HEMISPHERE ADVISORY COMMISSION.**

3 (a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—There is established in the  
4 legislative branch a Great Power Competition in the West-  
5 ern Hemisphere Advisory Commission (in this section re-  
6 ferred to as the “Commission”).

7 (b) **DUTIES OF COMMISSION.**—The Commission  
8 shall—

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

11 (2) review the progress of any studies, assess-  
12 ments, or other reports relating to great power com-  
13 petition in the Western Hemisphere conducted by or  
14 on behalf of the Secretary of Defense, including pur-  
15 suant to a statutory requirement;

16 (3) develop and review legislative proposals with  
17 respect to great power competition in the Western  
18 Hemisphere;

1           (4) monitor the progress of administrative poli-  
2           cies of the Federal Government relating to great  
3           power competition in the Western Hemisphere;

4           (5) review the allocation of Federal civilian em-  
5           ployees and members of the Armed Forces regarding  
6           great power competition in the Western Hemisphere;

7           (6) review the results of Federal interagency co-  
8           operative efforts regarding great power competition  
9           in the Western Hemisphere; and

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

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

15                 (B) the allocation of the personnel referred  
16                 to in paragraph (5) to geographic combatant  
17                 commands, interagency task forces, or other  
18                 Federal departments or agencies, to address  
19                 great power competition in the Western Hemi-  
20                 sphere; and

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

24          (c) MEMBERSHIP.—

1           (1) APPOINTMENT.—The Commission shall be  
2           composed of 17 members appointed by the Chair-  
3           man of the Committee on Armed Services of the  
4           House of Representatives, in consultation with the  
5           Ranking Member of such Committee, as follows:

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

8                           (i) The Secretary of Commerce.

9                           (ii) The Secretary of Defense.

10                          (iii) The Secretary of Homeland Secu-  
11                          rity.

12                          (iv) The Secretary of State.

13                          (v) The Attorney General.

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

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

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

22                   (E) Two members from among the staff of  
23           the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House  
24           of Representatives.

1 (F) Two members from among the staff of  
2 the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Sen-  
3 ate.

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

7 (H) Two members from among the staff of  
8 the Committee on Armed Services of the Sen-  
9 ate.

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

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

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

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

22 (6) CHAIRPERSON.—The Chairperson of the  
23 Commission shall be elected from among the mem-  
24 bers of the Commission by majority vote.

25 (d) POWERS OF THE COMMISSION.—

1           (1) HEARINGS AND SESSIONS.—The Commis-  
2           sion may, for the purpose of carrying out this sec-  
3           tion, hold hearings, sit and act at times and places,  
4           take testimony, and receive evidence as the Commis-  
5           sion considers appropriate. The Commission may ad-  
6           minister oaths or affirmations to witnesses appear-  
7           ing before it.

8           (2) POWERS OF MEMBERS AND AGENTS.—Any  
9           member or agent of the Commission may, if author-  
10          ized by the Commission, take any action which the  
11          Commission is authorized to take by this section.

12          (3) OBTAINING OFFICIAL DATA.—Subject to the  
13          Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552), the  
14          Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a), and any other relevant  
15          provision of law relating to the protection of privacy,  
16          and consistent with the protection of intelligence  
17          sources and methods, the Commission may secure  
18          directly from any department or agency of the  
19          United States Government any information nec-  
20          essary for the Commission to carry out its duties  
21          under this section, and upon request of the Commis-  
22          sion, the head of that department or agency shall  
23          furnish such information to the Commission.

24          (4) ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT SERVICES.—  
25          Upon the request of the Commission, the Adminis-

1       trator of General Services shall provide to the Com-  
2       mission, on a reimbursable basis, the administrative  
3       support services necessary for the Commission to  
4       carry out its responsibilities under this Act.

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

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

