

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 119-33

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At the end of subtitle G of title XII of division A,
add the following:

1 **SEC. 12__ . STUDY AND REPORT ON ADVANCING UNITED**
2 **STATES INTERESTS IN THE WESTERN HEMI-**
3 **SPHERE.**

4 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that there are uncon-
5 ventional transnational threat networks that—

6 (1) are centered on, but not exclusive to, drug
7 trafficking organizations; and

8 (2) the President’s National Security Strategy
9 has identified as challenges to the core national in-
10 terests of the United States.

11 (b) STUDY.—The Secretary of Defense shall carry
12 out a study of the major threat networks operating in the
13 Western Hemisphere, with the purpose of revealing their
14 principal leaders, capabilities, activities, methods, infra-
15 structure, financial assets, and weapons, as well as how
16 they overlap with drug trafficking organizations. In car-
17 rying out the study, the Secretary should prioritize such
18 major threats that—

19 (1) threaten the homeland;

1 (2) abet international terrorism;

2 (3) smuggle illegal drugs or supply weapons;

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4 (4) are heavily reliant on entities not located in
5 the Western Hemisphere; or

6 (5) traffic human beings or facilitate mass mi-
7 gration.

8 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the en-
9 actment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit
10 to the Committee on Armed Services and the Committee
11 on Foreign Relations of the Senate and the Committee
12 on Armed Services and the Committee on Foreign Affairs
13 of the House of Representatives a report containing—

14 (1) all findings and determinations made in car-
15 rying out the study required under subsection (b);

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17 (2) a comparison of the threats identified in
18 such study to the global threat priorities of the De-
19 partment of Defense; and

20 (3) an explanation of how the Department of
21 Defense plans to coordinate with the heads of other
22 appropriate departments and agencies of the United
23 States to use the resources of the Department, in
24 coordination with criminal prosecutions, diplomacy,

- 1 and other tools, to dismantle the major threat net-
- 2 works studied under subsection (b).

