

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 118-**

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**OFFERED BY MR. DONALDS OF FLORIDA**

At the end of subtitle F of title X, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 10\_\_\_.** **EVALUATION OF FEASIBILITY OF RETRO-**  
2 **FITTING RETIRED, OR SOON TO BE RETIRED,**  
3 **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE VESSELS WITH**  
4 **ADVANCED NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY.**

5 (a) **EVALUATION** .—The Secretary of Defense, in  
6 consultation with the Administrator of the Marine Admin-  
7 istration, the Secretary of Energy, the Director of the Na-  
8 tional Reactor Innovation Center, and the heads of other  
9 relevant Federal agencies, shall evaluate the number of re-  
10 tired, or soon to be retired, Department of Defense vessels  
11 and make a determination with respect to the feasibility  
12 of retrofitting such vessels with advanced nuclear tech-  
13 nology, such as nuclear reactors developed under Project  
14 Pele.

15 (b) **MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION**.—In conducting  
16 the evaluation under subsection (a), the Secretary shall—

17 (1) evaluate obsolete vessels, under the meaning  
18 given such term in section 57301 of title 46, United

1 States Code, and the National Defense Reserve  
2 Fleet maintained by the Secretary of Transportation  
3 under section 57100 of such title;

4 (2) evaluate vessels listed in the Battle Force  
5 Retirement Plan that are planned to be inactivated  
6 during the during the period covered by the future-  
7 years defense program submitted to Congress during  
8 fiscal year 2024 pursuant to section 221 of title 10,  
9 United States Code; and

10 (3) determine whether any of the vessels re-  
11 ferred to in paragraphs (1) and (2) could be retro-  
12 fitted with advanced nuclear technology.

13 (4) c. The Secretary shall also evaluate non-bat-  
14 tle force auxiliary ships and sealift vessels slated to  
15 be inactivated under the Auxiliary Vessel and Sealift  
16 Retirement Plan

