

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 115-23
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At the end of subtitle H of title XII, add the following:

1 **SEC. 12 ____ . REPORT ON STRATEGY TO PRIORITIZE UNITED**
2 **STATES DEFENSE INTERESTS IN THE WEST-**
3 **ERN HEMISPHERE REGION.**

4 (a) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than February 1,
5 2018, the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the
6 Secretary of State, shall submit to the congressional de-
7 fense committees, the Committee on Foreign Relations of
8 the Senate, and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the
9 House of Representatives a report that contains a strategy
10 to prioritize United States defense interests in the West-
11 ern Hemisphere region. The strategy shall address each
12 of the following:

13 (1) The security challenges, including threats,
14 emanating from the Western Hemisphere region and
15 any capability gaps in United States defense posture
16 to the region.

17 (2) The security threats to the United States or
18 to its interests in the Western Hemisphere region

1 from the engagement of Iran, China, Russia, and
2 North Korea in the region.

3 (3) The counterintelligence threats to the
4 United States from Cuba, and the role of Cuba in
5 supporting the Venezuelan government.

6 (4) The threats to the United States from
7 transregional and transnational threat networks.

8 (5) The threats to the United States from the
9 support of the Venezuelan government for drug traf-
10 ficking and transnational criminal organizations.

11 (6) The primary objectives and priorities of the
12 Department of Defense in the Western Hemisphere
13 region, including—

14 (A) the military missions necessary to ad-
15 dress drug production, eradication, and inter-
16 diction challenges in the region;

17 (B) the role of the Department of Defense
18 in the Western Hemisphere region regarding se-
19 curity challenges posed by external foreign ac-
20 tors, including Iran, China, Russia, and North
21 Korea, to the region; and

22 (C) the role of the Department of Defense
23 in supporting the primary objectives and prior-
24 ities of the Department of Homeland Security
25 for efforts relating to migration and border se-

1 curity, as requested, to prevent individuals from
2 illegally crossing United States borders or caus-
3 ing instability in the region.

4 (7) Department of Defense plans, force posture,
5 capabilities, and resources to address any gaps in in-
6 telligence, surveillance, reconnaissance, or counter-
7 intelligence capabilities in the region.

8 (8) The roles of allies, partners, and other
9 countries in the region in achieving United States
10 defense objectives and priorities.

11 (9) Actions the Department of Defense could
12 take, in coordination with other Federal departments
13 or agencies, to advance United States national secu-
14 rity interests in the Western Hemisphere region.

15 (10) Any other matters the Secretary of De-
16 fense determines to be appropriate.

17 (b) FORM.—The report required by subsection (a)
18 shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may contain
19 a classified annex.

20 (c) ANNUAL BUDGET.—The President, acting
21 through the Director of the Office of Management and
22 Budget, shall ensure that the annual budget submitted to
23 Congress under section 1105 of title 31, United States
24 Code, clearly highlights programs and projects that are
25 being funded in the annual budget of the United States

- 1 Government that relate to the strategy referred to in sub-
- 2 section (a).

