

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 118–36**  
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At the end of subtitle C of title XVII, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 17 \_\_\_\_ . DIVIDED FAMILIES NATIONAL REGISTRY ACT.**

2 (a) NATIONAL REGISTRY OF KOREAN AMERICAN DI-  
3 VIDED FAMILIES.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State, act-  
5 ing through the Special Envoy on North Korean  
6 Human Rights Issues or such other individual as the  
7 Secretary may designate, shall—

8 (A) identify Korean American families who  
9 wish to be reunited with family members in  
10 North Korea from which such Korean American  
11 families were divided after the signing of the  
12 Agreement Concerning a Military Armistice in  
13 Korea, signed at Panmunjom July 27, 1953  
14 (commonly referred to as the “Korean War Ar-  
15 mistice Agreement”), in anticipation of future  
16 reunions for such families and family members,  
17 including in-person and video reunions; and

1 (B) establish a national registry of the  
2 names and other relevant information of such  
3 Korean American families—

4 (i) to facilitate such future reunions;

5 and

6 (ii) to provide for a repository of in-  
7 formation about such Korean American  
8 families and family members in North  
9 Korea, including information about individ-  
10 uals who may be deceased.

11 (2) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

12 There is authorized to be appropriated to the Sec-  
13 retary of State \$1,000,000 to carry out this section.

14 (b) ACTIONS TO FACILITATE DIALOGUE BETWEEN  
15 THE UNITED STATES AND NORTH KOREA.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State shall  
17 take such actions as may be necessary to ensure that  
18 any direct dialogue between the United States and  
19 North Korea includes progress towards holding fu-  
20 ture reunions for Korean American families and  
21 their family members in North Korea as described  
22 in section 2.

23 (2) CONSULTATIONS.—The Secretary of State  
24 shall consult with the Government of the Republic of  
25 Korea in carrying out this section.

1           (3) REPORT.—No later than one year after en-  
2           actment of this Act, and annually thereafter, the  
3           Secretary of State shall submit to the appropriate  
4           congressional committees a report on—

5                   (A) the status of the national registry es-  
6                   tablished pursuant to section 2(a)(2);

7                   (B) the number of individuals included on  
8                   the registry who—

9                           (i) have met their family members in  
10                           North Korea during previous reunions; and

11                           (ii) have yet to meet their family  
12                           members in North Korea during previous  
13                           reunions;

14                   (C) a summary of responses by North  
15                   Korea to requests to hold reunions of divided  
16                   families; and

17                   (D) a description of regulations in North  
18                   Korea and actions taken by North Korea in the  
19                   year previous to submission of each report that  
20                   prevent the emigration of family members of  
21                   Korean American families.

22           (4) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-  
23           TEES DEFINED.—In this section, the term “appro-  
24           priate congressional committees” means the Com-  
25           mittee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Rep-

1        representatives and the Committee on Foreign Rela-  
2        tions of the Senate.

