

**AMENDMENT TO**  
**RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 117-54**  
**OFFERED BY MR. JOYCE OF OHIO**

At the end of subtitle F of title VIII, add the following:

1 **SEC. 8** \_\_\_\_ . **NEED FOR DEVELOPMENT AND ACQUISITION OF**  
2 **NATURAL RUBBER FROM DOMESTIC**  
3 **HERBACIOUS PLANT SOURCES.**

4 (a) **REPORT REQUIRED.**—Not later than 120 days  
5 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Under Sec-  
6 retary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment, in con-  
7 sultation with the Under Secretary of Defense for Re-  
8 search and Engineering and the Assistant Secretary of  
9 Defense for Industrial Policy, shall submit to the congres-  
10 sional defense committees a plan for future investment by  
11 the Department of Defense in the development, testing,  
12 and evaluation of domestic natural rubber from herba-  
13 ceous plants for military applications, including a timeline  
14 for acquiring critical defense components and products  
15 using natural rubber from domestic sources.

16 (b) **CONTENTS.**—The plan submitted under sub-  
17 section (a) shall include the following:

1           (1) An unclassified assessment of the direct and  
2 indirect influence of China on the commercial avail-  
3 ability of natural rubber, including the effects on na-  
4 tional security and the long-term implications for the  
5 defense supply chain, specifically for military aircraft  
6 and vehicle tires.

7           (2) An overview of the current investment of  
8 the Department of Defense in domestic natural rub-  
9 ber production and the plans of the Department for  
10 scaling and expanding such production to offset one  
11 percent of the annual importation of natural rubber  
12 into the United States.

13           (3) A plan to provide additional funding for the  
14 initiatives identified in paragraph (2) to achieve  
15 fielding of products and components with natural  
16 rubber from domestic sources not later than the end  
17 of fiscal year 2027.

18           (4) A strategy of United States-based rubber  
19 industry partners and component manufacturers for  
20 collaboration, codevelopment, and joint interest.

21           (5) A detailed description of the policies, proce-  
22 dures, budgets, and accelerated acquisition and con-  
23 tracting mechanisms of the Department of Defense  
24 for near-term insertion of domestic natural rubber  
25 content to test and evaluate performance of natural

- 1 rubber from domestic sources for tactical aircraft
- 2 performance.

