

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 118-**

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**OFFERED BY MR. EDWARDS OF NORTH CAROLINA**

At the end of subtitle E of title XXVIII, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 28\_\_\_. SURVEY OF CERTAIN COUNTIES FOR PLACE-**  
2 **MENT OF FACILITIES.**

3 (a) SURVEY REQUIRED.—Not later than one year  
4 afer the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
5 of Defense shall submit to Congress the results of a survey  
6 of the counties described in subsection (b) to assess poten-  
7 tial placement of operational, training, or other facilities  
8 for use by the military departments in such counties.

9 (b) COUNTIES DESCRIBED.—The counties described  
10 in this subsection are located in the State of North Caro-  
11 lina and are as follows:

- 12 (1) Buncombe County.
- 13 (2) Cherokee County.
- 14 (3) Clay County.
- 15 (4) Graham County.
- 16 (5) Haywood County.
- 17 (6) Henderson County.
- 18 (7) Jackson County.

1 (8) Macon County.

2 (9) Madison County.

3 (10) McDowell County.

4 (11) Polk County.

5 (12) Rutherford County.

6 (13) Swain County.

7 (14) Transylvania County.

8 (15) Yancey County.

9 (c) SURVEY REQUIREMENTS.—The survey required  
10 under subsection (a) shall include the following:

11 (1) An assessment of the mountainous and var-  
12 ied terrains in the areas described in subsection (b)  
13 and the feasibility of programs that use this geog-  
14 raphy, including programs for basic survival skills,  
15 dam and reservoir exercises, whitewater rafting exer-  
16 cises, thick vegetation exercises, air drop exercises,  
17 and mountainous warfare exercises.

18 (2) An evaluation of defense assets located in  
19 the State of North Carolina and the lack of defense  
20 assets in the area described in subsection (b).

21 (d) SURVEY CONSIDERATIONS.—The survey shall as-  
22 sesses the feasibility of the placement of operational, train-  
23 ing, and other facilities as follows:

24 (1) Consideration of relevant civilian assets in  
25 the area described in subsection (b).

1           (2) Consideration of assets of Department of  
2           Defense contractors in such area.

3           (3) Proximity of such to current defense assets,  
4           including Fort Liberty.

5           (4) Consideration of the geographic similarities  
6           of such area to geographic regions critical to United  
7           States defense policy, including the Indo-Pacific re-  
8           gion, Europe, the Middle East, and Africa.

