

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 116-19
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At the end of subtitle G of title XII, add the following:

1 **SEC. __. REPORT ON HOSTILITIES INVOLVING UNITED**
2 **STATES ARMED FORCES.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The President shall report to the
4 congressional defense committees, the Committee on For-
5 eign Relations of the Senate, and the Committee on For-
6 eign Affairs of the House of Representatives within 48
7 hours any incident in which United States Armed Forces
8 are involved in an attack or hostilities, including in an of-
9 fensive or defensive capacity, unless the President—

10 (1) reports the incident within 48 hours pursu-
11 ant to section 4 of the War Powers Resolution (50
12 U.S.C. 1543); or

13 (2) has determined prior to the incident and re-
14 ported pursuant to section 1264 of the National De-
15 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018 (50
16 U.S.C. 1549) that the United States Armed Forces
17 involved in the incident would be operating under
18 specific statutory authorization, within the meaning

1 of section 5(b) of the War Powers Resolution (50
2 U.S.C. 1544(b)).

3 (b) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—The report re-
4 quired by subsection (a) shall include, for each such inci-
5 dent—

6 (1) the statutory and operational authorities
7 under which the United States Armed Forces were
8 operating, including any relevant executive orders
9 and an identification of the operational activities au-
10 thORIZED under such executive orders;

11 (2) the date, location, duration, and other par-
12 ties involved;

13 (3) a description of the United States Armed
14 Forces involved and the mission of such Armed
15 Forces;

16 (4) the numbers of any combatant casualties
17 and civilian casualties; and

18 (5) any other information the President deter-
19 mines appropriate.

20 (c) FORM.—The report required by subsection (a)
21 shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may include
22 a classified annex.

