AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
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At the end of subtitle E of title XVI, add the following new section:

SEC. 1643. STUDY ON TESTING PROGRAM OF GROUND-BASED MIDCOURSE MISSILE DEFENSE SYSTEM.

(a) STUDY.—The Secretary of Defense shall enter into an arrangement with the Institute for Defense Analyses under which the Institute shall carry out a study on the testing program of the ground based midcourse missile defense system.

(b) ELEMENTS.—The study under subsection (a) shall include the following:

(1) An assessment of whether the testing program described in subsection (a) has established, as of the date of the study, that the ground-based midcourse missile defense system will perform reliably and effectively under realistic operational conditions, including an explanation of the degree of confidence supporting such assessment.
(2) An assessment of whether the currently planned testing program, if implemented, is sufficient to establish that the ground-based midcourse missile defense system will perform both reliably and effectively against current and plausible near- and medium-term ballistic missile threats under realistic operational conditions, and if any gaps are identified, an evaluation of what improvements could be made to the testing program to achieve reasonable confidence that the system would be reliable and effective under realistic operational conditions.

(3) Any necessary recommendations to improve the effectiveness and reliability of the ground-based midcourse missile defense system.

(c) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report containing the study.