

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 117-

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Add at the end of subtitle D of title XVI the following new section:

1 **SEC. 16__ . STUDIES BY PRIVATE SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY**
2 **GROUP KNOWN AS JASON.**

3 (a) **STUDY ON DISCRIMINATION CAPABILITIES OF**
4 **THE BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE SYSTEM.—**

5 (1) **FINDINGS.—**Congress finds the following:

6 (A) Section 237 of the National Defense
7 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010 (Public
8 Law 111–84; 123 Stat. 2236) required the Sec-
9 retary of Defense to enter into an arrangement
10 with the private scientific advisory group known
11 as JASON under which JASON carried out a
12 study on the discrimination capabilities and lim-
13 itations of the ballistic missile defense system of
14 the United States.

15 (B) Since the completion of this study,
16 rogue nation threats have changed and capabili-
17 ties of the missile defense system have evolved.

1 (2) UPDATE.—The Secretary of Defense shall
2 enter into an arrangement with the private scientific
3 advisory group known as JASON under which
4 JASON shall carry out an update to the study con-
5 ducted pursuant to section 237 of the National De-
6 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010 (Pub-
7 lic Law 111–84; 123 Stat. 2236) on the discrimina-
8 tion capabilities and limitations of the missile de-
9 fense system of the United States, including such
10 discrimination capabilities that exist or are planned
11 as of the date of the study.

12 (3) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the
13 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall
14 submit to the appropriate congressional committees
15 a report containing the study.

16 (4) FORM.—The report under paragraph (2)
17 may be submitted in classified form, but shall con-
18 tain an unclassified summary.

19 (b) REPORT ON JASON.—Not later than 90 days
20 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Under
21 Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment
22 shall submit to the congressional defense committees a re-
23 port on the private scientific advisory group known as
24 JASON. The report shall include the following:

1 (1) The status of the contract awarded by the
2 Secretary of Defense to JASON.

3 (2) Identification of the studies undertaken by
4 JASON during the two fiscal years occurring before
5 the date of the report.

6 (3) The level of funding required to ensure the
7 continued ability of JASON to provide high-quality
8 technical, scientifically informed advice to the De-
9 partment of Defense and the broader United States
10 Government.

11 (4) Whether the Under Secretary is committed
12 to ensuring adequate funding and continued depart-
13 mental support for JASON.

14 (5) Any impediments encountered by the Under
15 Secretary in continuing to contract with JASON.

