

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 117-

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Page 407, after line 25, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 10310. FINDINGS; SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

2 (a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds the following:

3 (1) The United States is 100 percent import re-
4 liant on 14 minerals on the critical mineral list and
5 more than 75 percent import reliant on an addi-
6 tional 10 critical minerals.

7 (2) China is the global leader in the production
8 of 16 critical minerals and has near monopolies on
9 the production of yttrium, gallium, magnesium
10 metal, tungsten, bismuth, and rare earth elements.

11 (3) Foreign mineral mining and production re-
12 lies on child and slave labor and does not meet the
13 strict environmental regulations in America.

14 (4) Critical minerals have essential national and
15 economic security implications, including the produc-
16 tion of semiconductors, and are needed in greater
17 quantity for an electrified future.

18 (5) The Executive Order on America's Supply
19 Chains February 24, 2021 seeks to identify risks in

1 the supply chain for critical minerals and other stra-
2 tegic materials like rare earth minerals.

3 (6) In March 2021 the Department of Agri-
4 culture withdrew the Notice of Availability and re-
5 scinded the Final Environmental Impact Study and
6 draft Record of Decision for the proposed Resolution
7 Copper on the Tonto National Forest.

8 (7) In January 2022 the Department of Inte-
9 rior revoked Federal leases for Twin Metals Min-
10 nesota mine.

11 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
12 gress that—

13 (1) critical minerals are fundamentally impor-
14 tant to the security of the American economy and
15 defense of the American people and homeland;

16 (2) America’s reliance on foreign nations, in-
17 cluding great power competitors, for mineral mining
18 and production is a grave national security threat;

19 (3) domestic American mining and production
20 is the best way for America to secure its supply
21 chains, provide for the common defense, and pro-
22 mote economic prosperity; and

23 (4) the Administration’s attacks on mine per-
24 mitting and leasing in the United States undermines
25 American supply chain security, eliminates employ-

1 ment opportunities, and damages the American
2 economy.

