

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 119-

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

1 SEC. 10_, CONTINGENCY PLAN FOR FREEDOM OF NAVIGATION
2 TION AT BAB AL-MANDEB STRAIT.

3 Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit
4 to the congressional defense committees a contingency
5 plan for ensuring freedom of navigation at the Bab al-
6 Mandeb Strait in the event of Houthi escalation. Such
7 plan shall address each of the following:

9 (1) Pre-positioned naval and air assets sufficient to deter or defeat Houthi attempts to close or
10 interdict the Bab al-Mandeb Strait.

12 (2) Coalition coordination frameworks with allied and partner nations dependent on the strait for
13 trade and energy transit.

15 (3) An assessment of Houthi capabilities, including anti-ship missiles, drones, and naval mines,
16 that could be used to threaten freedom of navigation.
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1 (4) Coordination with the Coast Guard and rel-
2 evant civilian maritime agencies on commercial ship-
3 ping protection.

