

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 119–**8****OFFERED BY MR. TONY GONZALES OF TEXAS**

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

1 SEC. 10____. REPORT ON PROPOSED WESTERN HEMI-
2 SPHERE COMMAND.

3 (a) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 90 days
4 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
5 of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense com-
6 mittees a report on the proposed establishment of a West-
7 ern Hemisphere Command through the consolidation of
8 United States Army North and United States Army
9 South.

10 (b) ELEMENTS.—The report required under sub-
11 section (a) shall include—

12 (1) a detailed description of the proposed mis-
13 sion and command structure of the Western Hemi-
14 sphere Command;

15 (2) an explanation of how the proposed com-
16 mand would support or enhance homeland defense,
17 civil support, disaster response, and regional security
18 cooperation operations currently conducted by

1 United States Army North and United States Army
2 South;

3 (3) an assessment of the anticipated relation-
4 ship between the Western Hemisphere Command
5 and the United States Northern Command and the
6 United States Southern Command;

7 (4) an evaluation of how the proposed structure
8 would improve coordination with interagency, inter-
9 national, and State partners; and

10 (5) an assessment of potential headquarters lo-
11 cations for the Western Hemisphere Command, in-
12 cluding an analysis of the operational, strategic, and
13 fiscal benefits of retaining the headquarters at Joint
14 Base San Antonio–Fort Sam Houston, Texas, tak-
15 ing into account—

16 (A) the central location of San Antonio in
17 the Western Hemisphere, including its prox-
18 imity to the border between the United States
19 and Mexico, which enhances border security op-
20 erations and regional defense cooperation;

21 (B) the longstanding investments of the
22 city of San Antonio in military infrastructure,
23 including more than \$158,000,000 toward Joint
24 Base San Antonio infrastructure priorities;

1 (C) co-located intelligence, communica-
2 tions, logistics, and national security infrastruc-
3 ture, including National Security Administra-
4 tion Texas and one of the largest concentra-
5 tions of cybersecurity professionals in the
6 United States;

7 (D) the presence of the 16th Air Force
8 (Air Forces Cyber) which is the operational
9 headquarters of the Air Force for integrated
10 cyber, electronic warfare, and information oper-
11 ations and is recognized as one of the pre-
12 eminent cyber defense entities in the United
13 States;

14 (E) premier Department of Defense health
15 infrastructure at Brooke Army Medical Center
16 and a pipeline for future medical professionals
17 at the University of Texas Health Science Cen-
18 ter at San Antonio; and

19 (F) any other matters the Secretary of De-
20 fense considers relevant.

