

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 119-

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At the end of title XVII, add the following:

1 **SEC. 17 ____ . CORPS OF ENGINEERS REPORT ON WATER IN-**
2 **FRASTRUCTURE NEEDS IN PUERTO RICO.**

3 (a) ASSESSMENT.—Not later than 180 days after the
4 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary, in consulta-
5 tion with the Puerto Rico Aqueduct and Sewer Authority
6 and any other relevant local and Federal agencies, shall
7 conduct a comprehensive assessment of the water and
8 wastewater infrastructure modernization needs of Puerto
9 Rico.

10 (b) REPORT.—Upon completion of the assessment de-
11 scribed in subsection (a), the Secretary shall submit to
12 Congress a report that includes—

13 (1) a description of the current condition and
14 vulnerabilities of water infrastructure in Puerto
15 Rico;

16 (2) the status of ongoing and planned projects
17 in Puerto Rico authorized under section 219 of the
18 Water Resources Development Act of 1992 (Public

1 Law 102–580), including any delays or gaps in
2 project execution;

3 (3) a description of water infrastructure mod-
4 ernization needs of Puerto Rico to enhance resilience
5 against future natural disasters, droughts, and sys-
6 tem failures; and

7 (4) recommendations for improving coordina-
8 tion across Federal and local agencies to accelerate
9 project delivery in Puerto Rico.

10 (c) SECRETARY DEFINED.—In this section, the term
11 “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Army, acting
12 through the Corps of Engineers.

