

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 117–

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

1 **SEC. 10__ . INTERAGENCY STRATEGY TO DISRUPT AND**
2 **DISMANTLE NARCOTICS PRODUCTION AND**
3 **TRAFFICKING AND AFFILIATED NETWORKS**
4 **LINKED TO THE REGIME OF BASHAR AL-**
5 **ASSAD IN SYRIA.**

6 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
7 gress that—

8 (1) the captagon trade linked to the regime of
9 Bashar al-Assad in Syria is a transnational security
10 threat; and

11 (2) the United States should develop and imple-
12 ment an interagency strategy to deny, degrade, and
13 dismantle Assad-linked narcotics production and
14 trafficking networks.

15 (b) REPORT AND STRATEGY REQUIRED.—Not later
16 than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,
17 the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of State, the Sec-
18 retary of the Treasury, the Administrator of the Drug En-

1 enforcement Administration, the Director of National Intel-
2 ligence, and the heads of other appropriate Federal agen-
3 cies shall jointly submit to the appropriate congressional
4 committees a report containing a strategy to disrupt and
5 dismantle narcotics production and trafficking and affili-
6 ated networks linked to the regime of Bashar al-Assad in
7 Syria. Such strategy shall include each of the following:

8 (1) A strategy to target, disrupt and degrade
9 networks that directly and indirectly support the
10 narcotics infrastructure of the Assad regime, par-
11 ticularly through diplomatic and intelligence support
12 to law enforcement investigations.

13 (2) The use of sanctions authorities and associ-
14 ated actions to target individuals and entities di-
15 rectly or indirectly associated with the narcotics in-
16 frastructure of the Assad regime.

17 (3) The use global diplomatic engagements as-
18 sociated with the economic pressure campaign
19 against the Assad regime to target its narcotics in-
20 frastructure.

21 (4) Leveraging multilateral institutions and co-
22 operation with international partners to disrupt the
23 narcotics infrastructure of the Assad regime.

1 (5) Mobilizing a public communications cam-
2 paign to increase awareness of the extent of the con-
3 nection of the Assad regime to illicit narcotics trade.

4 (c) FORM OF REPORT.—The report required under
5 subsection (b) shall be submitted in an unclassified form,
6 but may contain a classified annex.

7 (d) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—
8 In this section, the term “appropriate congressional com-
9 mittees” means—

10 (1) the congressional defense committees;

11 (2) the Committee on the Judiciary, the Com-
12 mittee on Foreign Affairs, the Committee on Finan-
13 cial Services, and the Committee on Appropriations
14 of the House of Representatives; and

15 (3) the Committee on the Judiciary, the Com-
16 mittee on Foreign Relations, the Committee on
17 Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, and the Com-
18 mittee on Appropriations of the Senate.

