

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 119-33

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At the end of subtitle B of title XII, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 12 ____. 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 Section 1238 of the National Defense Authorization
7 Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117-263; 136 Stat.
8 2839) is amended to read as follows:

9 “(a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
10 gress that—

11 “(1) shifting Captagon, methamphetamine, and
12 amphetamine production and trafficking patterns in
13 the Middle East following the fall of the Assad re-
14 gime, particularly in Iraq, could pose a significant
15 threat to regional stability and United States inter-
16 ests, requiring urgent and coordinated military and
17 law enforcement action to disrupt these networks
18 and secure vulnerable borders; and

1 “(2) Captagon enables instability in the Middle
2 East region and is destabilizing for Syria.

3 “(b) STRATEGY REQUIRED.—

4 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
5 after the date of the enactment of the Countering
6 Captagon and Narcotics Post-Assad Act, the Sec-
7 retary of State, in coordination with the heads of
8 other appropriate Federal departments and agencies,
9 shall provide to the appropriate congressional com-
10 mittees a strategy for disrupting and dismantling
11 narcotics production and trafficking and affiliated
12 networks in the Middle East.

13 “(2) CONTENTS.—The strategy required under
14 paragraph (1) shall also include an assessment of
15 the evolving patterns of Captagon, methamphet-
16 amine, and other amphetamine-type stimulant pro-
17 duction and trafficking in the area of responsibility
18 of United States Central Command, including—

19 “(A) an identification of the countries that
20 are receiving or transiting large shipments of
21 Captagon, methamphetamine, and other am-
22 phetamine-type stimulants;

23 “(B) an assessment of the counter-nar-
24 cotics capacity of such countries to interdict or
25 disrupt the smuggling, trafficking, and produc-

1 tion of Captagon, methamphetamine, and other
2 amphetamine-type stimulants;

3 “(C) an assessment of current United
4 States assistance and training programs to
5 build such capacity in such countries;

6 “(D) an assessment of cooperation with
7 international partners to disrupt narcotics in-
8 frastructure in the Middle East; and

9 “(E) recommendations to further disrupt
10 and dismantle Captagon, methamphetamine,
11 and amphetamine-type stimulant production
12 and trafficking networks, including those linked
13 to the former regime of Bashar al-Assad,
14 Hezbollah, and Iran-backed proxies.

15 “(3) FORM.—The strategy required under para-
16 graph (1) shall be submitted either—

17 “(A) as a classified, written strategy that
18 includes an unclassified summary or annex; or

19 “(B) as an unclassified, written strategy
20 that includes a classified annex.

21 “(4) IMPLEMENTATION.—Not later than 180
22 days after the Secretary date of the submission of
23 the strategy required under paragraph (1) and an-
24 nually thereafter until December 31, 2028, the Sec-
25 retary shall submit to the appropriate congressional

1 committees an implementation report that includes
2 the following:

3 “(A) Options for actions to target individ-
4 uals and entities associated with narcotics in-
5 frastructure.

6 “(B) Metrics, chosen at the Secretary’s
7 discretion, that demonstrate the success of the
8 strategy and any actions the Secretary has
9 taken in coordination with the strategy required
10 under paragraph (1).

11 “(c) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES
12 DEFINED.—In this section, the term ‘appropriate congres-
13 sional committees’ means—

14 “(1) the Committee on Armed Services of the
15 Senate;

16 “(2) the Committee on Appropriations of the
17 Senate;

18 “(3) the Committee on the Judiciary of the
19 Senate;

20 “(4) the Committee on Foreign Relations of the
21 Senate;

22 “(5) the Committee on Banking, Housing, and
23 Urban Affairs of the Senate;

24 “(6) the Select Committee on Intelligence of the
25 Senate;

1 “(7) the Committee on Armed Services of the
2 House of Representatives;

3 “(8) the Committee on Appropriations of the
4 House of Representatives;

5 “(9) the Committee on the Judiciary of the
6 House of Representatives;

7 “(10) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the
8 House of Representatives;

9 “(11) the Committee on Financial Services of
10 the House of Representatives; and

11 “(12) the Permanent Select Committee on In-
12 telligence of the House of Representatives.”.

