

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 119-8
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At the end of subtitle A of title XIII, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 13____. UNITED STATES–UKRAINE DEFENSE INNOVA-**
2 **TION, INDUSTRIAL BASE, AND LESSONS**
3 **LEARNED CENTER OF EXCELLENCE.**

4 (a) CENTER OF EXCELLENCE.—Chapter 7 of title
5 10, United States Code, is amended by inserting after sec-
6 tion 182a the following new section:

7 **“§ 182b. United States–Ukraine Defense Innovation,**
8 **Industrial Base, And Lessons Learned**
9 **Center of Excellence**

10 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Defense, in
11 consultation with the heads of the relevant elements of the
12 intelligence community within the Department of Defense,
13 may enter into an agreement with appropriate officials of
14 the Government of Ukraine to provide for the operation
15 of the United States–Ukraine Defense Innovation, Indus-
16 trial Base, And Lessons Learned Center of Excellence (in
17 this section referred to as the ‘Center’).

18 “(b) LOCATION.—The Center shall be located in Eu-
19 rope, for the purpose of facilitating access with respect

1 to Ukraine and other allies and partners of the United
2 States.

3 “(c) MISSIONS.—The Center shall be used to—

4 “(1) promote defense innovation, strengthen
5 collaboration between the United States and Ukraine
6 with respect to the defense industrial base of such
7 countries, and identify strategic, operational, tac-
8 tical, and intelligence lessons learned from the war
9 against Ukraine related to the Russian invasion of
10 Ukraine on February 24, 2022; and

11 “(2) carry out such other missions as the Sec-
12 retary may determine appropriate to advance the na-
13 tional security of the United States or to support the
14 defense industrial base.

15 “(d) ACTIVITIES.—In carrying out the missions
16 under subsection (c), the Center may—

17 “(1) facilitate partnerships between industries
18 in the United States and Ukraine, including per-
19 sonnel exchanges;

20 “(2) support joint research, development, test-
21 ing, and evaluation efforts, including prototyping
22 projects, between such countries;

23 “(3) integrate operational lessons learned from
24 the war specified in subsection (c)(1) into require-

1 ments processes and acquisition policies of the De-
2 partment of Defense; and

3 “(4) carry out such other activities as the Sec-
4 retary may determine appropriate to carry out such
5 missions.”.

6 (b) BRIEFINGS.—

7 (1) INITIAL BRIEFING.—

8 (A) BRIEFING ON STATUS.—Except as
9 provided in subparagraph (B), not later than
10 60 days after the date of the establishment of
11 the Center of Excellence under section 182b of
12 title 10, United States Code, as added by sub-
13 section (a), the Secretary of Defense shall pro-
14 vide to the appropriate congressional commit-
15 tees a briefing on the status of such Center.

16 (B) ALTERNATE BRIEFING ON BARRIERS
17 TO ESTABLISHMENT.—If the Center of Excel-
18 lence is not established by the date specified in
19 subparagraph (A), not later than 180 days
20 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
21 Secretary shall provide to the appropriate con-
22 gressional committees a briefing on barriers to
23 such establishment in lieu of the briefing re-
24 quired under subparagraph (A).

1 (2) ONGOING BRIEFINGS.—Not later than 270
2 days after the date of the establishment of the Cen-
3 ter of Excellence, and on a semiannual basis for two
4 years thereafter, the Secretary shall provide to the
5 appropriate congressional committees briefings on
6 the activities conducted by such Center, the out-
7 comes of such activities, and the strategic value of
8 such Center.

9 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

10 (1) The term “appropriate congressional com-
11 mittees” means—

12 (A) the congressional defense committees;

13 and

14 (B) the congressional intelligence commit-
15 tees (as such term is defined in section 3 of the
16 National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C.
17 3003)).

18 (2) The term “Center of Excellence” means the
19 United States–Ukraine Defense Innovation, Indus-
20 trial Base, and Lessons Learned Center of Excel-
21 lence under section 182b of title 10, United States
22 Code, as added by subsection (a).

