

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 118-

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At the end of subtitle C of title XVII, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 17___ . ESTABLISHMENT OF INTERAGENCY COUNCIL**
2 **ON SERVICE.**

3 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—There is established an
5 Interagency Council on Service.

6 (2) FUNCTIONS.—The Council shall—

7 (A) advise the President with respect to
8 promoting, strengthening, and expanding oppor-
9 tunities for military service, national service,
10 and public service for all people of the United
11 States; and

12 (B) review, assess, and coordinate holistic
13 recruitment strategies and initiatives of the ex-
14 ecutive branch to foster an increased sense of
15 service and civic responsibility among all people
16 of the United States and to explore ways of en-
17 hancing connectivity of interested applicants to
18 national service programs and opportunities.

1 (b) COMPOSITION.—

2 (1) MEMBERSHIP.—The Council shall be com-
3 posed of such officers and employees of the Federal
4 Government as the President and Congress may des-
5 ignate, including not less than one such officer or
6 employee to be appointed by the President, and may
7 not exceed 15 members.

8 (2) CHAIR.—The President shall designate to
9 serve as the Chair of the Council a member of the
10 Council under paragraph (1), the appointment of
11 whom as an officer or employee of the Federal Gov-
12 ernment was made by the President by and with the
13 advice and consent of the Senate.

14 (3) MEETINGS.—The Council shall meet on a
15 quarterly basis or more frequently as the Chair of
16 the Council may direct.

17 (c) RESPONSIBILITIES.—The Council shall—

18 (1) assist and advise the President in the estab-
19 lishment of strategies, goals, objectives, and prior-
20 ities to promote service and civic responsibility
21 among all people of the United States;

22 (2) develop and recommend to the President
23 common recruitment strategies and outreach oppor-
24 tunities for increasing the participation, and propen-
25 sity of people of the United States to participate, in

1 military service, national service, and public service
2 in order to address national security and domestic
3 investment;

4 (3) serve as a forum for Federal officials re-
5 sponsible for military service, national service, and
6 public service programs to, as feasible and prac-
7 ticable—

8 (A) coordinate and share best practices for
9 service recruitment; and

10 (B) develop common interagency, cross-
11 service initiatives and pilots for service recruit-
12 ment;

13 (4) lead a strategic, interagency coordinated ef-
14 fort on behalf of the Federal Government to develop
15 joint awareness and recruitment, retention, and mar-
16 keting initiatives involving military service, national
17 service, and public service;

18 (5) consider approaches for assessing impacts
19 of service on the needs of the United States and in-
20 dividuals participating in and benefitting from such
21 service;

22 (6) consult, as the Council considers advisable,
23 with representatives of non-Federal entities, institu-
24 tions of higher education, nonprofit organizations,
25 faith-based organizations, philanthropic organiza-

1 tions, and the private sector, in order to promote
2 and develop initiatives to foster and reward military
3 service, national service, and public service;

4 (7) not later than two years after the date of
5 the enactment of this Act, and quadrennially there-
6 after for five years after such date of enactment,
7 prepare and submit to the President and Congress
8 a Service Strategy, which shall set forth—

9 (A) a review of programs and initiatives of
10 the Federal Government relating to the man-
11 date of the Council;

12 (B) a review of Federal Government online
13 content relating to the mandate of the Council,
14 including user experience with such content;

15 (C) current and foreseeable trends for
16 service to address the needs of the United
17 States;

18 (D) recommended service recruitment
19 strategies and branding opportunities to ad-
20 dress outreach and communication deficiencies
21 identified by the Council; and

22 (E) to the extent practical, a joint service
23 messaging strategy for military service, national
24 service, and public service; and

1 (8) perform such other functions as the Presi-
2 dent may direct.

3 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 (1) The term “military service” means active
5 service (as defined in subsection (d)(3) of section
6 101 of title 10, United States Code) or active status
7 (as defined in subsection (d)(4) of such section) in
8 one of the Armed Forces (as defined in subsection
9 (a)(4) of such section).

10 (2) The term “national service” means partici-
11 pation, other than military service or public service,
12 in a program that—

13 (A) is designed to enhance the common
14 good and meet the needs of communities, the
15 States, or the United States;

16 (B) is funded or facilitated by—

17 (i) an institution of higher education
18 as defined in section 101 of the Higher
19 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001);
20 or

21 (ii) the Federal Government or a
22 State, Tribal, or local government; and

23 (C) is authorized in—

24 (i) the Peace Corps Act (22 U.S.C.
25 2501 et seq.);

1 (ii) section 171 of the Workforce In-
2 novation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C.
3 3226) relating to the YouthBuild Program;

4 (iii) the Domestic Volunteer Service
5 Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 4950 et seq.); or

6 (iv) the National and Community
7 Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12501 et
8 seq.).

9 (3) The term “public service” means civilian
10 employment in the Federal Government or a State,
11 Tribal, or local government.

12 (4) The term “service” means a personal com-
13 mitment of time, energy, and talent to a mission
14 that contributes to the public good by protecting the
15 United States and the citizens of the United States,
16 strengthening communities, States, or the United
17 States, or promoting the general social welfare.

18 (e) NO ADDITIONAL FUNDS.—No additional funds
19 are authorized to be appropriated for the purpose of car-
20 rying out this section.

