

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 118-**

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**OFFERED BY MR. SCHNEIDER OF ILLINOIS**

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

1 **SEC. 12 \_\_\_\_ . HELP ISRAEL RECOVER THE HOSTAGES.**

2 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

3 (1) There has been substantial and sustained  
4 cooperation between United States diplomatic, mili-  
5 tary, and intelligence agencies and Israeli counter-  
6 parts to help Israel release those taken hostage on  
7 the attacks of October 7th, 2023.

8 (2) Multiple proposals for returning the hos-  
9 tages and implementing a ceasefire have been devel-  
10 oped with the help of the United States and inter-  
11 national partners and presented to both Israel and  
12 Hamas.

13 (3) Hamas has impeded or outright rejected  
14 these proposals, refusing to release the hostages and  
15 extending the suffering of civilians on both sides of  
16 the border.

17 (4) The global community, including the United  
18 States, must exert necessary pressure on Hamas

1 leadership to accept a ceasefire proposal, release the  
2 hostages and relinquish governing control of Gaza.

3 (5) It is imperative that the United States con-  
4 tinues to work with international partners to release  
5 the remaining hostages, including 8 Americans.

6 (b) BRIEFING.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after  
8 the date of the enactment of this section, the Sec-  
9 retary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretary  
10 of State and the Director of National Intelligence,  
11 shall provide a briefing to the congressional defense  
12 committees, the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the  
13 House of Representatives, the Committee on Foreign  
14 Relations of the Senate, and the House and Senate  
15 Permanent Select Committees on Intelligence that  
16 contains an overview of United States diplomatic,  
17 military, and intelligence support for Israel as it  
18 works to release the hostages.

19 (2) CONTENTS.—The briefing required under  
20 paragraph (1) shall contain the following, relating to  
21 supporting the release of the hostages:

22 (A) An overview of United States military  
23 assistance to Israel.

1 (B) How the United States military is as-  
2 sisting the Israeli military on hostage rescue  
3 planning and recovery efforts.

4 (C) Intelligence sharing in support of hos-  
5 tage release.

6 (D) United States personnel embedded or  
7 regularly liaising with Israel's military, intel-  
8 ligence, and diplomatic officials.

9 (E) A description of how the United States  
10 is leveraging partner nations to assist with hos-  
11 tage release efforts.

12 (F) Any other forms of assistance provided  
13 the Secretary determines relevant to Israel's ef-  
14 forts to release the hostages.

15 (3) FORM.—The briefing required under para-  
16 graph (1) shall be provided in unclassified form, but  
17 may contain a classified annex.

18 (c) HOSTAGES DEFINED.—In this section, the term  
19 “hostages” means the individuals (alive or deceased) taken  
20 by Hamas from Israel during the attacks of October 7,  
21 2023, and the immediate aftermath, including Israelis,  
22 Americans, and citizens of other more than 22 other na-  
23 tions.

