

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 116-**

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At the end of title V, add the following:

1 **SEC. 5 \_\_\_\_ . ASSESSMENTS REGARDING THE NORTHERN TRI-**  
2 **ANGLE AND MEXICO.**

3 (a) ASSESSMENTS OF ACTIVITIES BY DRUG TRAF-  
4 FICKING ORGANIZATIONS IN THE NORTHERN TRIANGLE  
5 AND MEXICO.—

6 (1) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after the  
7 date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of  
8 National Intelligence, in coordination with the Chief  
9 of Intelligence of the Drug Enforcement Administra-  
10 tion and the Assistant Secretary of State for Intel-  
11 ligence and Research, shall submit to the appro-  
12 priate congressional committees a report containing  
13 an analytical assessment of the activities of drug  
14 trafficking organizations in the Northern Triangle  
15 and Mexico. Such assessment shall include, at a  
16 minimum—

17 (A) an assessment of the effect of drug  
18 trafficking organizations on the security and  
19 economic situation in the Northern Triangle;

1 (B) an assessment of the effect of the ac-  
2 tivities of drug trafficking organizations on the  
3 migration of persons from the Northern Tri-  
4 angle to the United States-Mexico border;

5 (C) a summary of any relevant activities  
6 by elements of the intelligence community in re-  
7 lation to drug trafficking organizations in the  
8 Northern Triangle and Mexico;

9 (D) a summary of key methods and routes  
10 used by drug trafficking organizations in the  
11 Northern Triangle and Mexico to the United  
12 States;

13 (E) an assessment of the intersection be-  
14 tween the activities of drug trafficking organi-  
15 zations, human traffickers and human smug-  
16 glers, and other organized criminal groups in  
17 the Northern Triangle and Mexico; and

18 (F) an assessment of the illicit funds and  
19 financial transactions that support the activities  
20 of drug trafficking organizations and connected  
21 criminal enterprises in the Northern Triangle  
22 and Mexico.

23 (2) FORM.—The report required by paragraph  
24 (2) may be submitted in classified form, but if so  
25 submitted, shall contain an unclassified summary.

1           (3) AVAILABILITY.—The report under para-  
2           graph (1), or the unclassified summary of the report  
3           described in paragraph (2), shall be made publicly  
4           available.

5           (b) ASSESSMENT OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND  
6           SMUGGLING FROM THE NORTHERN TRIANGLE TO THE  
7           UNITED STATES-MEXICO BORDER.—

8           (1) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 90  
9           days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the  
10          Director of National Intelligence, in coordination  
11          with the Under Secretary of Homeland Security for  
12          Intelligence and Analysis and the Assistant Sec-  
13          retary of State for Intelligence and Research, shall  
14          submit to the appropriate congressional committees  
15          a report containing an analytical assessment of  
16          human trafficking and human smuggling by individ-  
17          uals and organizations in the Northern Triangle and  
18          Mexico. Such assessment shall include, at a min-  
19          imum—

20                   (A) an assessment of the effect of human  
21                   trafficking and human smuggling on the secu-  
22                   rity and economic situation in the Northern  
23                   Triangle;

24                   (B) a summary of any relevant activities  
25                   by elements of the intelligence community in re-

1           lation to human trafficking and human smug-  
2           gling in the Northern Triangle and Mexico;

3           (C) an assessment of the methods and  
4           routes used by human traffickers and human  
5           smuggler organizations to move persons from  
6           the Northern Triangle to the United States-  
7           Mexico border;

8           (D) an assessment of the intersection be-  
9           tween the activities of human traffickers and  
10          human smugglers, drug trafficking organiza-  
11          tions, and other organized criminal groups in  
12          the Northern Triangle and Mexico; and

13          (E) an assessment of the illicit funds and  
14          financial transactions that support the activities  
15          of human traffickers and human smugglers and  
16          connected criminal enterprises in the Northern  
17          Triangle and Mexico.

18          (2) FORM.—The report required by paragraph  
19          (1) may be submitted in classified form, but if so  
20          submitted, shall contain an unclassified summary.

21          (3) AVAILABILITY.—The report under para-  
22          graph (1), or the unclassified summary of the report  
23          described in paragraph (2), shall be made publicly  
24          available.

1 (c) PRIORITIZATION OF INTELLIGENCE RESOURCES  
2 FOR THE NORTHERN TRIANGLE AND MEXICO.—

3 (1) REVIEW OF INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY EF-  
4 FORTS IN NORTHERN TRIANGLE AND MEXICO.—The  
5 Director of National Intelligence, in coordination  
6 with the Under Secretary of Homeland Security for  
7 Intelligence and Analysis, the Assistant Secretary of  
8 State for Intelligence and Research, the Chief of In-  
9 telligence of the Drug Enforcement Administration,  
10 and other appropriate officials in the intelligence  
11 community, shall carry out a comprehensive review  
12 of the current intelligence collection priorities of the  
13 intelligence community for the Northern Triangle  
14 and Mexico in order to identify whether such prior-  
15 ities are appropriate and sufficient in light of the  
16 threat posed by the activities of drug trafficking or-  
17 ganizations and human traffickers and human  
18 smugglers to the security of the United States and  
19 the Western Hemisphere.

20 (2) REPORT AND BRIEFINGS.—

21 (A) REPORT ON INITIAL REVIEW.—Not  
22 later than 120 days after the date of the enact-  
23 ment of this Act, the Director of National Intel-  
24 ligence shall submit to the congressional intel-  
25 ligence committees a comprehensive description

1 of the results of the review required by para-  
2 graph (1), including whether the priorities de-  
3 scribed in that paragraph are appropriate and  
4 sufficient in light of the threat posed by the ac-  
5 tivities of drug trafficking organizations and  
6 human traffickers and human smugglers to the  
7 security of the United States and the Western  
8 Hemisphere. If the report concludes that such  
9 priorities are not so appropriate and sufficient,  
10 the report shall also include a description of the  
11 actions to be taken to modify such priorities in  
12 order to assure that such priorities are so ap-  
13 propriate and sufficient.

14 (B) QUARTERLY BRIEFINGS.—Not later  
15 than 90 days after the date on which the report  
16 under subparagraph (A) is submitted, and every  
17 90 days thereafter for a 5-year period, the Di-  
18 rector of National Intelligence shall provide to  
19 the congressional intelligence committees a  
20 briefing on the intelligence community's collec-  
21 tion priorities and activities in the Northern  
22 Triangle and Mexico with a focus on the threat  
23 posed by the activities of drug trafficking orga-  
24 nizations and human traffickers and human  
25 smugglers to the security of the United States

1 and the Western Hemisphere. The first briefing  
2 under this subparagraph shall also include a de-  
3 scription of the amount of funds expended by  
4 the intelligence community to the efforts de-  
5 scribed in paragraph (1) during each of fiscal  
6 years 2018 and 2019.

7 (3) FORM.—The report and briefings required  
8 by paragraph (2) may be submitted or provided in  
9 classified form, but if so submitted or provided, shall  
10 include an unclassified summary.

11 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

12 (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-  
13 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-  
14 mittees” means—

15 (A) the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the  
16 Committee on Homeland Security, and the Per-  
17 manent Select Committee on Intelligence of the  
18 House of Representatives; and

19 (B) the Committee on Foreign Relations,  
20 the Committee on Homeland Security and Gov-  
21 ernmental Affairs, and the Select Committee on  
22 Intelligence of the Senate.

23 (2) HUMAN TRAFFICKING.—The term “human  
24 trafficking” has the meaning given the term “severe  
25 forms of trafficking in persons” by section 103 of

1 the Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection  
2 Act of 2000 (22 U.S.C. 7102).

3 (3) NORTHERN TRIANGLE.—The term “North-  
4 ern Triangle” means El Salvador, Guatemala, and  
5 Honduras.

