

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 119–33**

**OFFERED BY MR. ISSA OF CALIFORNIA**

At the end of title XVII of division A, add the following:

1 **Subtitle C—Houthi Human Rights**  
2 **Accountability Act**

3 **SEC. 17\_\_. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This subtitle may be cited as the “Houthi Human  
5 Rights Accountability Act”.

6 **SEC. 17\_\_. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

7 It is the sense of Congress that—

8 (1) Houthi efforts to indoctrinate Yemenis into  
9 a violent, anti-Semitic, and extremist worldview are  
10 a threat to a Yemeni-led peace process and to re-  
11 gional stability; and

12 (2) it is counter to United States policy to pro-  
13 vide support to the Houthis in Yemen, including by  
14 supporting any efforts by the Houthis to indoctri-  
15 nate, coerce, or force Yemenis to conform to their  
16 violent, anti-Semitic, and extremist worldview.

17 **SEC. 17\_\_. REPORT ON HOUTHİ INDOCTRINATION.**

18 Not later than 180 days after the date of the enact-  
19 ment of this Act, the Secretary of State, in consultation

1 with the Administrator of the United States Agency for  
2 International Development, shall submit to the appro-  
3 priate congressional committees a report on—

4 (1) Houthi efforts to indoctrinate Yemenis into  
5 a violent, anti-Semitic, or extremist worldview; and

6 (2) the long-term threat this indoctrination  
7 campaign poses to regional stability.

8 **SEC. 17. REPORT ON OBSTACLES TO PROVISION OF HU-**  
9 **MANITARIAN AID IN AREAS OF YEMEN**  
10 **UNDER DE-FACTO HOUTHİ CONTROL.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the  
12 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State,  
13 in consultation with the Administrator of the United  
14 States Agency for International Development, shall submit  
15 to the appropriate congressional committees a report on  
16 obstacles to the provision of humanitarian aid by inter-  
17 national organizations and nongovernmental organizations  
18 in areas of Yemen under de-facto Houthi control.

19 (b) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—The report re-  
20 quired by subsection (a) shall include the following:

21 (1) An identification of challenges to distribu-  
22 tion of humanitarian aid created by Houthi-enforced  
23 rules, regulations, and bureaucracy with respect to  
24 access, and freedom of movement, and the overall  
25 impact on such rules, regulations, and bureaucracy

1 have on the international community's ability to dis-  
2 tribute such aid in a manner consistent with basic  
3 humanitarian principles.

4 (2) An assessment of attempted Houthi inter-  
5 ference in the delivery of humanitarian aid, includ-  
6 ing the manipulation or undue influence of bene-  
7 ficiary lists or related data for political or military  
8 purposes, and the implications of any interference on  
9 civilian needs and aid distribution.

10 (3) An evaluation of the Houthis' use of vio-  
11 lence and intimidation against humanitarian workers  
12 and diplomats, including current and former United  
13 States Embassy locally employed staff.

14 (4) An overview of the steps the United States  
15 and its partners are taking to ensure humanitarian  
16 assistance is delivered unhindered and consistent  
17 with basic humanitarian principles, including how  
18 United States-supported organizations respond to  
19 attempted Houthi diversion or interference.

20 (5) SCOPE.—The report required by subsection  
21 (a) shall address the period beginning on January 1,  
22 2020, and ending on the date that is 90 days after  
23 the date of the enactment of this Act.

1 **SEC. 17\_\_ . REPORT ON HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES COM-**  
2 **MITTED BY THE HOUTHIS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the  
4 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State  
5 shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees  
6 a report on human rights abuses committed by the  
7 Houthis, including gender-based discrimination and vio-  
8 lence, including—

- 9 (1) mahram regulations;  
10 (2) recruitment and use of child soldiers;  
11 (3) enforced disappearance;  
12 (4) prolonged and arbitrary detention;  
13 (5) conduct that amounts to torture; and  
14 (6) unlawful killing.

15 (b) SCOPE.—The report required by subsection (a)  
16 shall address the period beginning on March 1, 2015, and  
17 ending on the date that is 90 days after the date of the  
18 enactment of this Act.

19 **SEC. 17\_\_ . SANCTIONS AUTHORIZED UNDER THE GLOBAL**  
20 **MAGNITSKY HUMAN RIGHTS AND ACCOUNT-**  
21 **ABILITY ACT.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the  
23 date of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter,  
24 the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Secretary  
25 of the Treasury, shall submit to the appropriate congres-  
26 sional committees a determination on whether foreign per-

1 sons described in subsection (b) meet the criteria for sanc-  
2 tions authorized under the Global Magnitsky Human  
3 Rights and Accountability Act (22 U.S.C. 2656 note), in-  
4 cluding with respect to acts that constitute gross violations  
5 of internationally recognized human rights as defined in  
6 section 502B(d)(1) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961  
7 (22 U.S.C. 2304(d)(1)).

8 (b) PERSONS DESCRIBED.—A foreign person de-  
9 scribed in this subsection is a foreign person that—

10 (1) is a member of the Houthis; and

11 (2) knowingly—

12 (A) imposes arbitrary or unlawful restric-  
13 tion on the delivery of humanitarian assistance  
14 in Yemen; or

15 (B) engages in the human rights abuses  
16 described in section 17\_\_ (a).

17 **SEC. 17\_\_ . SANCTIONS AUTHORIZED UNDER THE ROBERT**  
18 **LEVINSON HOSTAGE TAKING AND ACCOUNT-**  
19 **ABILITY ACT.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the  
21 date of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter,  
22 the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Secretary  
23 of the Treasury, shall submit to the appropriate congres-  
24 sional committees a determination on whether foreign per-  
25 sons described in subsection (b) meet the criteria for sanc-

1 tions authorized under the Robert Levinson Hostage Re-  
2 covery and Hostage-Taking Accountability Act (22 U.S.C.  
3 1741 et seq.), and Executive Order 14078.

4 (b) PERSONS DESCRIBED.—A foreign person de-  
5 scribed in this subsection is a foreign person that—

6 (1) is a member of the Houthis; and

7 (2)(A) is responsible for or is complicit in, or  
8 responsible for ordering, controlling, or otherwise di-  
9 recting, the hostage-taking of a United States na-  
10 tional abroad or the unlawful or wrongful detention  
11 of a United States national abroad; or

12 (B) knowingly provides financial, material, or  
13 technological support for, or goods or services in  
14 support of, an activity described in subparagraph  
15 (A).

16 **SEC. 17\_. SUNSET.**

17 This subtitle shall terminate on the date that is 5  
18 years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

19 **SEC. 17\_. DEFINITIONS.**

20 In this subtitle—

21 (1) the term “appropriate congressional com-  
22 mittees” means—

23 (A) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and  
24 the Committee on Appropriations of the House  
25 of Representatives; and

1 (B) the Committee on Foreign Relations  
2 and the Committee on Appropriations of the  
3 Senate;

4 (2) the term “foreign person” means a person  
5 that is not a United States person;

6 (3) the term “Houthis” refers to persons offi-  
7 cially known as “Ansarallah”;

8 (4) the term “person” means and individual or  
9 entity; and

10 (5) the term “United States person” means—

11 (A) a national of the United States;

12 (B) an alien who is lawfully present in the  
13 United States; or

14 (C) an entity organized under the laws of  
15 the United States or of any jurisdiction within  
16 the United States, including a foreign branch of  
17 such an entity.

