

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 118–36
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At the end of subtitle C of title XVII, add the following:

1 **SEC. 17__ . DECLASSIFICATION REVIEW AND PUBLICATION**
2 **OF MATERIALS RELATING TO AFGHANISTAN**
3 **WITHDRAWAL.**

4 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
5 gress that the American people deserve to understand the
6 events and decision-making which resulted in the chaotic
7 withdrawal of United States personnel from Afghanistan
8 in 2021.

9 (b) DISSENT CHANNEL CABLE RELATING TO AF-
10 GHANISTAN WITHDRAWAL.—

11 (1) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—

12 (A) SUBMISSION.—Not later than 5 days
13 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
14 Secretary of State shall submit to the Com-
15 mittee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Rep-
16 resentatives and the Committee on Foreign Re-
17 lations of the Senate a complete (and, except as
18 provided in subparagraph (B), unredacted) copy
19 of—

1 (i) the dissent channel cable of the
2 Department of State written on or about
3 July 13, 2021, describing the likely con-
4 sequences of United States withdrawal
5 from Afghanistan; and

6 (ii) the official response of the De-
7 partment of State with respect to such dis-
8 sent channel cable.

9 (B) AUTHORIZED REDACTIONS.—The Sec-
10 retary may redact the name of any signatory to
11 the dissent channel cable specified in subpara-
12 graph (A).

13 (2) DECLASSIFICATION REVIEW; PUBLICA-
14 TION.—

15 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days
16 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
17 Secretary of State shall—

18 (i) complete a declassification review
19 to determine what, if any, information con-
20 tained within the dissent channel cable or
21 the official response specified in paragraph
22 (1)(A) may be declassified in accordance
23 with the standards under subsection (d);

24 (ii) declassify any information so de-
25 termined; and

1 (iii) publish on a publicly available
2 internet website of the Department of
3 State such dissent channel cable and offi-
4 cial response, in unclassified form and con-
5 taining, in addition to any information pre-
6 viously unclassified, any other information
7 declassified as a result of such declassifica-
8 tion review.

9 (B) REQUIRED REDACTIONS.—In pub-
10 lishing the dissent channel cable pursuant to
11 subparagraph (A)(iii), the Secretary shall re-
12 daet the name, and any other personally identi-
13 fiable information, of each signatory to such
14 dissent channel cable.

15 (c) DECLASSIFICATION AND PUBLICATION OF
16 AFTER-ACTION REVIEW OF DEPARTMENT OF STATE.—
17 Not later than 60 days after the date of the enactment
18 of this Act, the Secretary of State shall—

19 (1) complete a declassification review to deter-
20 mine what, if any, additional information contained
21 within the after-action review of the Department of
22 State developed with respect to the Afghanistan
23 withdrawal (in this section, referred to as the “after-
24 action review”) may be declassified in accordance
25 with the standards under subsection (d);

1 (2) declassify any information so determined;

2 and

3 (3) publish on a publicly available internet
4 website of the Department of State a complete
5 version of such after-action review containing, in ad-
6 dition to information previously unclassified, any
7 other information declassified as a result of such de-
8 classification review.

9 (d) STANDARDS FOR DECLASSIFICATION.—In con-
10 ducting each declassification review under this section
11 with respect to given information, the Secretary of State
12 shall declassify such information unless the Secretary de-
13 termines the declassification would be incompatible with
14 the national security interests of the United States or oth-
15 erwise inconsistent with the protection of intelligence
16 sources and methods.

