

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 119–**

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

**1 SEC. 13\_\_\_\_. AMBASSADOR-AT-LARGE FOR THE INDIAN  
2 OCEAN REGION.**

**3 (a) APPOINTMENT.**—Not later than 180 days after  
**4** the date of the enactment of this Act, the President shall  
**5** nominate an individual, by and with the advice and con-  
**6** sent of the Senate, to serve as the Ambassador-at-Large  
**7** for the Indian Ocean Region, who shall report directly to  
**8** the Secretary of State.

**9 (b) RESPONSIBILITIES.**—

**10 (1) IN GENERAL.**—The primary responsibilities  
**11** of the Ambassador shall be to—

**12 (A)** ensure harmonization and continuity of  
**13** United States diplomatic efforts and assistance  
**14** programs across Indian Ocean region countries;  
**15** and

**16 (B)** identify the diplomatic, military, eco-  
**17** nomic, development, and humanitarian lines of

1 effort that are of greatest United States stra-  
2 tegic interest in Indian Ocean region countries  
3 and reinforce United States diplomatic and  
4 interagency engagement with respect to such  
5 lines of effort.

6 (2) DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION.—Subject to  
7 the direction of the President and the Secretary, the  
8 Ambassador is authorized to represent the United  
9 States in matters and cases relevant to advancing  
10 United States strategic interests and foreign policy  
11 objectives across Indian Ocean region countries in—

12 (A) contacts with regional governments,  
13 intergovernmental organizations, specialized  
14 agencies of the United Nations, the Indian  
15 Ocean Rim Association, and other international  
16 organizations concerning Indian Ocean region  
17 countries of which the United States is a mem-  
18 ber;

19 (B) multilateral conferences and meetings  
20 relevant to Indian Ocean region countries; and

21 (C) contacts with nongovernmental organi-  
22 zations that influence United States interests in  
23 Indian Ocean region countries.

1           (3) COORDINATION RESPONSIBILITIES.—In  
2           order to advance United States interests across In-  
3           dian Ocean region countries, the Ambassador—

4                   (A) shall coordinate efforts to advance  
5           United States strategic interests in Indian  
6           Ocean region countries within the Department  
7           of State, including between the Assistant Sec-  
8           retary for East Asian Affairs, the Assistant  
9           Secretary for South and Central Asian Affairs,  
10          the Assistant Secretary for Near Eastern Af-  
11          fairs, and the Assistant Secretary for African  
12          Affairs; and

13                  (B) should participate in any interagency  
14          process related to advancing United States stra-  
15          tegic interests in Indian Ocean region countries,  
16          including economic development, maritime secu-  
17          rity, military readiness, humanitarian assist-  
18          ance, and development objectives.

19          (c) INDIAN OCEAN REGION COUNTRIES DEFINED.—  
20          In this section, the term “Indian Ocean region countries”  
21          means—

22                  (1) member states of the Indian Ocean Rim As-  
23          sociation; and

1           (2) littoral states of the Indian Ocean, including  
2       the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and the Union of  
3       Burma.

