

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 119-

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**OFFERED BY MS. KING-HINDS OF NORTHERN
MARIANA ISLANDS**

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

1 **SEC. 3___ . GEOTHERMAL RESOURCE CONFIRMATION FOR**
2 **SAIPAN UNDER ENERGY RESILIENCE AND**
3 **CONSERVATION INVESTMENT PROGRAM.**

4 (a) ASSESSMENT REQUIRED.—As part of the Energy
5 Resilience and Conservation Investment Program, the Sec-
6 retary of Defense shall conduct an assessment of the via-
7 bility of geothermal resources through drilling and other
8 means on the island of Saipan in the Commonwealth of
9 the Northern Mariana Islands, for the purposes of improv-
10 ing the energy security of Department of Defense facilities
11 and operations. Such assessment shall include each of the
12 following:

13 (1) The collection and analysis of geophysical,
14 geochemical, and subsurface data relevant to geo-
15 thermal resource viability.

1 (2) Field investigations, including geophysical
2 surveys and test well drilling, to confirm the capac-
3 ity of geothermal resources.

4 (3) An evaluation of the potential of geothermal
5 resources to support resilient power for Department
6 of Defense activities on Saipan, as well on Tinian via
7 undersea cable.

8 (b) EXECUTION; COORDINATION.—In carrying out
9 the assessment under subsection (a), the Secretary—

10 (1) may act through the Assistant Secretary of
11 Defense for Energy, Installations and Environment,
12 the United States Army Corps of Engineers, or such
13 other component of the Department of Defense as
14 the Secretary considers appropriate; and

15 (2) shall coordinate, as appropriate, with the
16 Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Energy,
17 the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation, and the
18 Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern
19 Mariana Islands.

20 (c) REPORT.—Upon the completion of the assessment
21 required under subsection (a), the Secretary shall submit
22 to the Committee as on Armed Services of the Senate and
23 House of Representatives a report on the findings of the
24 assessment, including a determination regarding the via-

1 bility of geothermal resources and recommended next
2 steps.

