

AMENDMENT TO
RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 119-33
OFFERED BY MS. KING-HINDS OF NORTHERN
MARIANA ISLANDS

At the end of subtitle C of title XXXI, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 31___ . STUDY OF RADIOLOGICAL FALLOUT IMPACTS**
2 **IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN**
3 **MARIANA ISLANDS.**

4 (a) STUDY REQUIRED.—Not later than 18 months
5 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
6 of Energy, in consultation with the Administrator of the
7 National Nuclear Security Administration, the Secretary
8 of Health and Human Services, the heads of other relevant
9 Federal departments and agencies, and the National
10 Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine, shall
11 conduct a study to determine the extent to which radio-
12 active fallout resulting from atmospheric nuclear weapons
13 testing conducted by the United States in the Pacific
14 Proving Grounds, including the Marshall Islands, during
15 the period beginning in 1946 and ending in 1962 (in this
16 section referred to as “covered testing”) may have affected

1 residents of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana
2 Islands.

3 (b) ELEMENTS.—The study under subsection (a)
4 shall include—

5 (1) a review of historical records, meteorological
6 data, environmental monitoring data, fallout mod-
7 eling, declassified documents, and other relevant in-
8 formation relating to covered testing;

9 (2) an assessment of the extent to which radio-
10 active fallout resulting from covered testing reached
11 inhabited areas of the Commonwealth of the North-
12 ern Mariana Islands, including Saipan, Tinian, and
13 Rota;

14 (3) an evaluation of potential radiation doses
15 received by individuals residing in the Common-
16 wealth of the Northern Mariana Islands during the
17 period specified in subsection (a) as a result of cov-
18 ered testing, and any associated health risks;

19 (4) an identification of any gaps in available
20 data necessary to assess historical radiation expo-
21 sure experienced by such individuals, and rec-
22 ommendations for additional research necessary to
23 address such gaps;

24 (5) an assessment of whether the levels of radi-
25 ation exposure identified pursuant to paragraph (3)

1 would be comparable to radiation exposure levels ex-
2 perience by populations eligible, or previously eligi-
3 ble, for compensation under the Radiation Exposure
4 Compensation Act (Public Law 101-426; 42 U.S.C.
5 2210 note); and

6 (6) a determination of whether the available
7 evidence supports extending eligibility for compensa-
8 tion under such Act, or any successor compensation
9 program, to individuals who resided in the Common-
10 wealth of the Northern Mariana Islands during the
11 period specified in subsection (a).

12 (c) REPORT.—

13 (1) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—Not later than
14 18 months after the date of the enactment of this
15 Act, the Secretary of Energy shall submit to the ap-
16 propriate congressional committees a report con-
17 taining the findings and recommendations of the
18 study under subsection (a).

19 (2) FORM.—The report under paragraph (1)
20 shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may in-
21 clude a classified annex.

22 (3) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The Secretary of
23 Energy shall make the unclassified portion of the re-
24 port under paragraph (1) publicly available on a
25 website of the Department of Energy.

1 (d) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES

2 DEFINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate con-

3 gressional committees” means—

4 (1) the Committee on Armed Services, the

5 Committee on the Judiciary, the Committee on En-

6 ergy and Commerce, and the Committee on Natural

7 Resources of the House of Representatives; and

8 (2) the Committee on Armed Services, the

9 Committee on the Judiciary, and the Committee on

10 Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate.

