

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 118-36**  
**OFFERED BY MR. LALOTA OF NEW YORK**

At the end of subtitle D of title XII, add the following:

1 **SEC. 12\_\_ . REPORT ON REVIEW OF PROTECTION AND**  
2 **LEGAL PREPAREDNESS FOR MEMBERS OF**  
3 **THE ARMED FORCES ABROAD.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the  
5 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State  
6 shall submit to Committee on Armed Services of the  
7 House of Representatives and the Committee on Armed  
8 Services of the Senate a report that—

9 (1) contains the findings of the review required  
10 by section 1229 of the National Defense Authoriza-  
11 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (10 U.S.C. note prec.  
12 2001); and

13 (2) includes any recommendations relating to  
14 the findings that the Secretary must address.

15 (b) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—The report re-  
16 quired by subsection (a) should include—

17 (1) an assessment of the legal protections af-  
18 farded by the reviewed bilateral agreements between  
19 the United States and each specified country under

1 section 1229(a)(2) of the National Defense Author-  
2 ization Act for Fiscal Year 2024, and how the rights  
3 and privileges afforded under these agreements may  
4 differ from United States law;

5 (2) whether the legal protections afforded by  
6 the reviewed bilateral agreements provide members  
7 of the Armed Forces who are stationed in the speci-  
8 fied country, and the spouses and dependents of  
9 such members who are covered by the agreements,  
10 with—

11 (A) the right to legal counsel;

12 (B) access to competent language trans-  
13 lation services; a prompt and speedy trial;

14 (C) the right to be confronted with wit-  
15 nesses against the member, spouse, or depend-  
16 ent; and

17 (D) a compulsory process for obtaining  
18 witnesses in favor of the member, spouse, or de-  
19 pendent if the witness is located in the jurisdic-  
20 tion of the country;

21 (3) an evaluation of each specified country's  
22 compliance with the legal protections stipulated in  
23 the reviewed bilateral agreements, highlighting any  
24 instances of material non-compliance;

1           (4) mechanisms to address any discrepancies  
2           between the identified legal protections provided  
3           under the reviewed bilateral agreements and those  
4           guaranteed under United States law;

5           (5) mechanisms to address and rectify instances  
6           where each specified country failed to materially  
7           comply with the legal protections outlined in the re-  
8           viewed bilateral agreements;

9           (6) recommended timelines for implementing  
10          any necessary corrective actions; and

11          (7) any other recommendations that may be de-  
12          termined to be relevant to improve the alignment of  
13          legal protections afforded under the reviewed bilat-  
14          eral agreements with United States law.

