

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT**

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At the end of subtitle H of title VIII, add the following new section:

**1 SEC. 8 \_\_\_\_ . INDEPENDENT STUDY ON THE EFFECTS OF TAR-**  
**2 IFFS ON THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND**  
**3 UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES.**

**4 (a) INDEPENDENT STUDY.**—Not later than 180 days  
**5** after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of  
**6** Defense shall enter into an agreement with an inde-  
**7** pendent, non-governmental entity with relevant expertise  
**8** to conduct a comprehensive study on the impact of tariffs  
**9** on the Department of Defense (DoD), including the  
**10** Armed Forces of the United States.

**11 (b) SCOPE OF STUDY.**—The study described in sub-  
**12** section (a) shall include, at a minimum, the following ele-  
**13** ments:

**14 (1)** An assessment of the effect of tariffs on the  
**15** readiness, modernization, and sustainment of the  
**16** Armed Forces, including increased costs and supply  
**17** chain vulnerabilities for defense acquisition pro-  
**18** grams.

1           (2) An evaluation of the impact of tariffs on re-  
2           lationships with treaty allies, including any concerns  
3           raised by such allies related to tariffs affecting mu-  
4           tual defense arrangements, interoperability, and de-  
5           fense industrial cooperation.

6           (3) An examination of how tariffs influence  
7           small business participation in critical defense sup-  
8           ply chains, particularly those entities providing key  
9           technologies, components, or materials essential to  
10          national defense.

11          (4) An analysis of the implications of tariffs on  
12          the security and resiliency of the defense industrial  
13          base, with attention to critical materials and tech-  
14          nologies identified under section 4811 of title 10,  
15          United States Code.

16          (5) Recommendations for mitigating any ad-  
17          verse impacts identified in the study.

18          (c) CONSULTATION AND COOPERATION.—In con-  
19          ducting the study described in subsection (a) , the entity  
20          conducting the study shall consult with and have the co-  
21          operation of—

- 22               (1) the Secretary of Defense;  
23               (2) the United States Trade Representative;  
24               (3) the Secretary of Commerce; and  
25               (4) the Secretary of State.

1 (d) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after entering  
2 into the agreement under subsection (a), the Secretary of  
3 Defense shall submit to the congressional defense commit-  
4 tees the independent study, including the findings and rec-  
5 ommendations developed under this section. The report  
6 shall be submitted in unclassified form but may include  
7 a classified annex.

8 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

9 (1) The term “Armed Forces” has the meaning  
10 given the term “armed forces” in section 101(a) of  
11 title 10, United States Code.

12 (2) The term “critical technologies” means  
13 technologies identified pursuant to section 4812 of  
14 title 10, United States Code.

15 (3) The term “defense industrial base” means  
16 the national technology and industrial base, as de-  
17 fined in section 4801 of title 10, United States  
18 Code.

19 (4) The term “tariffs” means duties, taxes, or  
20 other charges imposed on imported or exported  
21 goods under the customs laws of the United States.

