

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 117-

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Add at the end of subtitle A of title XVI the following new section:

1 **SEC. 16__ . REPORT ON SENSING CAPABILITIES OF THE**
2 **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE TO ASSIST FIGHT-**
3 **ING WILDFIRES.**

4 (a) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
5 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense,
6 in consultation with the Director of National Intelligence
7 and any other head of an agency or department the Sec-
8 retary determines appropriate, shall submit to the appro-
9 priate congressional committees a report on the capabili-
10 ties of the Department of Defense to assist fighting
11 wildfires through the use and analysis of satellite and
12 other aerial survey technology.

13 (b) MATTERS INCLUDED.—The report under sub-
14 section (a) shall include the following:

15 (1) An examination of the current and future
16 sensing requirements for the wildfire fighting and
17 analysis community.

1 (2) Identification of assets of the Department
2 of Defense and intelligence community that can pro-
3 vide data that is relevant to the requirements under
4 paragraph (1), including an examination of such as-
5 sets that—

6 (A) are currently available;

7 (B) are in development; and

8 (C) have been formally proposed by a de-
9 partment or agency of the Federal Government,
10 but which have not yet been approved by Con-
11 gress.

12 (3) With respect to the assets identified under
13 paragraph (2)(A), an examination of how close the
14 data such assets provide comes to meeting the wild-
15 fire management and suppression community needs.

16 (4) An identification of the total and breakdown
17 of costs reimbursed to the Department of Defense
18 during the five-year period preceding the date of the
19 report for reimbursable requests for assistance from
20 lead departments or agencies of the Federal Govern-
21 ment responding to natural disasters.

22 (5) A discussion of issues involved in producing
23 unclassified products using unclassified and classi-
24 fied assets, and policy options for Congress regard-
25 ing that translation, including by explicitly address-

1 ing classification choices that could ease the applica-
2 tion of data from such assets to wildfire detection
3 and tracking.

4 (6) Identification of options to address gaps be-
5 tween requirements and capabilities to be met by ad-
6 ditional solutions, whether from the Department of
7 Defense, the intelligence community, or from the
8 civil or commercial domain.

9 (7) A retrospective analysis to determine wheth-
10 er the existing data could have been used to defend
11 against past fires.

12 (8) Options for the Department of Defense to
13 assist the Department of Agriculture, the Depart-
14 ment of the Interior, the Department of Energy, the
15 National Aeronautics and Space Administration, the
16 National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration,
17 the National Institute of Standards and Technology,
18 the National Science Foundation, and State and
19 local governments in identifying and responding to
20 wildfires.

21 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

22 (1) The term “appropriate congressional com-
23 mittees” means the following:

24 (A) The Committee on Armed Services, the
25 Committee on Agriculture, the Committee on

1 Natural Resources, the Committee on Science,
2 Space, and Technology, and the Permanent Se-
3 lect Committee on Intelligence of the House of
4 Representatives.

5 (B) The Committee on Armed Services,
6 the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and
7 Forestry, the Committee on Commerce, Science,
8 and Transportation, the Committee on Energy
9 and Natural Resources, and the Select Com-
10 mittee on Intelligence of the Senate.

11 (2) The term “intelligence community” has the
12 meaning given that term in section 3 of the National
13 Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3003).

