

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 117-**

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Add at the end of subtitle F of title VIII the following:

1 **SEC. 8\_\_\_. EMERGENCY TRANSPORTATION CONTRACTING**  
2 **POLICY.**

3 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that:

4 (1) The COVID–19 pandemic exposed the de-  
5 gree to which weakened supply chains pose a risk to  
6 economic and national security.

7 (2) It is imperative that transportation officers  
8 services-wide have the ability and authority to meet  
9 the needs of the warfighter by effectively managing  
10 all elements of distribution related to the planning,  
11 operation, coordination and evaluation of all modes  
12 of transportation (air, sea, rail, & ground), in order  
13 to move units, personnel, equipment, and supplies.

14 (b) EMERGENCY TRANSPORTATION POLICY.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense  
16 shall develop a policy permitting transportation offi-  
17 cers to enter into agreements to procure transpor-

1           tation and distribution services if the Secretary de-  
2           termines that—

3                   (A) such services are necessary to meet the  
4                   requirements of the defense supply chain or of  
5                   warfighters; and

6                   (B) that such services cannot be procured  
7                   under another other authority of the Depart-  
8                   ment of Defense to meet such requirements.

9           (2) REPORT.—Not later than 60 days after the  
10          date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of  
11          Defense shall submit to Committees on Armed Serv-  
12          ices of the Senate and of the House of Representa-  
13          tives a report on the policy developed under para-  
14          graph (1) and a plan for implementing such policy.

