

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
FOR H.R. 1735
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MEXICO**

Page 858, after line 21, insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. 3123. IMPROVEMENTS TO ADMINISTRATION OF NA-**
2 **TIONAL NUCLEAR SECURITY ADMINISTRA-**
3 **TION.**

4 (a) DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR NUCLEAR SECURITY.—

5 (1) DOE ORGANIZATION ACT.—The Depart-
6 ment of Energy Organization Act (42 U.S.C.
7 7132(e)) is amended—

8 (A) in subsection (c) of section 202—

9 (i) in paragraph (1)—

10 (I) by striking “an Under Sec-
11 retary” and inserting “a Deputy Sec-
12 retary”;

13 (II) by striking “level III of the
14 Executive Schedule under section
15 5314” and inserting “level II of the
16 Executive Schedule under section
17 5313”; and

1 (III) by adding at the end the
2 following new sentence: “The term of
3 the Deputy Secretary shall be six
4 years.”;

5 (ii) in paragraph (3), by striking the
6 third sentence and inserting the following
7 new sentence: “The Deputy Secretary shall
8 report directly to the Secretary, without
9 delegation, on matters regarding the Na-
10 tional Nuclear Security Administration, ex-
11 cept that the Deputy Secretary may pro-
12 vide directly to the President information
13 regarding such matters.”;

14 (iii) by striking “The Under Sec-
15 retary” each place it appears and inserting
16 “The Deputy Secretary”; and

17 (iv) in paragraph (3), by striking “the
18 Under Secretary” and inserting “the Dep-
19 uty Secretary”;

20 (B) in subsection (a) of such section 202—

21 (i) by striking “There shall” and in-
22 serting “In addition to the Deputy Sec-
23 retary under subsection (c), there shall”;
24 and

1 (ii) by striking the second and third
2 sentences and inserting the following: “In
3 an order designated by the Secretary, the
4 Deputy Secretaries shall act for and exer-
5 cise the functions of the Secretary during
6 the absence or disability of the Secretary
7 or in the event the office of Secretary be-
8 comes vacant. The Secretary shall des-
9 ignate the order in which the Under Sec-
10 retary and other officials shall act for and
11 perform the functions of the Secretary dur-
12 ing the absence or disability of both the
13 Secretary and the Deputy Secretaries or in
14 the event of vacancies in each of those of-
15 fices.”;

16 (C) by striking “Under Secretary for Nu-
17 clear Security” each place it appears and in-
18 serting “Deputy Secretary for Nuclear Secu-
19 rity”; and

20 (D) in section 214(b)(1) by striking “the
21 Deputy Secretary of Energy, who shall chair
22 the Committee” and inserting “the Deputy Sec-
23 retary of Energy for Nuclear Security, who
24 shall chair the Committee, the Deputy Sec-
25 retary for Science”.

1 (2) NNSA ACT.—Section 3212(a)(2) of the Na-
2 tional Nuclear Security Administration Act (50
3 U.S.C. 2402(a)(2)) is amended by striking “Under
4 Secretary” and inserting “Deputy Secretary”.

5 (b) ROLE OF DEPUTY SECRETARY.—Section 213(a)
6 of the Department of Energy Organization Act (42 U.S.C.
7 7144) is amended by adding at the end the following new
8 sentences: “The Deputy Secretary for Nuclear Security
9 shall advise the Secretary on all policies of the Department
10 that affect the nuclear security mission of the Depart-
11 ment. The Deputy Secretary shall be responsible for for-
12 mulating and assessing options on such policies to so ad-
13 vise the Secretary.”.

