

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 115-**

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Add at the end the following new section:

1 **SEC. 14. MONTHLY REPORTS ON EFFECTS OF HIRING**

2 **FREEZE.**

3 (a) **REPORTS.**—On a monthly basis, the Secretary of  
4 Veterans Affairs shall submit to the appropriate congres-  
5 sional committees a report that lists and details each va-  
6 cant position, or new position that the Secretary seeks to  
7 create, that the Secretary may not fill by reason of any  
8 hiring freeze in effect during the month covered by the  
9 report.

10 (b) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this subsection:

11 (1) The term “appropriate congressional com-  
12 mittees” means—

13 (A) the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs  
14 and the Committee on Oversight and Govern-  
15 ment Reform of the House of Representatives;  
16 and

17 (B) the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs  
18 and the Committee on Homeland Security and  
19 Governmental Affairs of the Senate.

1           (2) The term “hiring freeze” means any action  
2           by the President to prevent a department or agency  
3           of the Federal Government from filling vacant Fed-  
4           eral civilian employee positions or creating new such  
5           positions, including pursuant to the memorandum ti-  
6           tled “Presidential Memorandum Regarding the Hir-  
7           ing Freeze” published on January 23, 2017, or any  
8           other substantially similar memorandum, Executive  
9           order, or other action.

