

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 117-

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At the end of subtitle D of title X of division A of the bill, add the following:

1 **SEC. ____ . PROHIBITION ON THE CONSOLIDATION OF**
2 **UNITED STATES COAST GUARD STATION**
3 **SCITUATE.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Beginning on the date of the en-
5 actment of this Act, the Secretary of Homeland Security
6 may not take any action to consolidate, close, cease oper-
7 ations of, or reduce personnel at and use of United States
8 Coast Guard Station Scituate located in Scituate, Massa-
9 chusetts until—

10 (1) the Secretary of Homeland Security con-
11 venes public meetings in all communities within the
12 area of responsibility of United States Coast Guard
13 Station Scituate with regard to the proposed consoli-
14 dation or closure and provides reasonable notice to
15 each congressional office representing any portion of
16 the area of responsibility of the schedule and loca-
17 tion of such public meetings;

1 (2) the Inspector General of the Department of
2 Homeland Security conducts, and submits to the ap-
3 propriate congressional committees, a comprehensive
4 audit to examine the impact of the consolidation or
5 closure proposal on the ability of the United States
6 Coast Guard to meet its Search and Rescue Mission
7 Response benchmark of two-hour total response time
8 for communities within the area of responsibility of
9 United States Coast Guard Station Scituate, wheth-
10 er the consolidation or closure proposal will increase
11 average response time to communities within the
12 area of responsibility of United States Coast Guard
13 Station Scituate, and whether the consolidation or
14 closure proposal will present a safety risk to resi-
15 dents within the area of responsibility of United
16 States Coast Guard Scituate; and

17 (3) the Secretary of Homeland Security and the
18 Commandant of the Coast Guard both certify to the
19 appropriate Congressional committees that the con-
20 solidation or closure proposal will not decrease the
21 average response time to communities within the
22 area of responsibility of United States Coast Guard
23 Station Scituate or present a safety risk to residents
24 within the area of responsibility of United States
25 Coast Guard Station Scituate.

1 (b) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES
2 DEFINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate con-
3 gressional committees” means—

4 (1) the Committee on Armed Services of the
5 House of Representatives;

6 (2) the Committee on Homeland Security of the
7 House of Representatives;

8 (3) the Committee on Transportation and In-
9 frastructure of the House of Representatives;

10 (4) the Committee on Armed Services of the
11 Senate;

12 (5) the Committee on Homeland Security and
13 Governmental Affairs of the Senate; and

14 (6) the Committee on Commerce, Science, and
15 Transportation of the Senate.

