

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 117-31
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Insert after section 30219G the following:

1 **SEC. 30219H. SENSE OF CONGRESS THAT ANY GIANT PANDA**
2 **BORN IN THE UNITED STATES SHOULD BE-**
3 **LONG TO THE UNITED STATES.**

4 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

5 (1) The Chinese state has systematically lever-
6 aged giant pandas for diplomatic purposes, including
7 gaining favor in countries of economic interest and
8 value.

9 (2) China now loans giant pandas to foreign
10 countries in exchange for a fee of \$500,000 per
11 panda, and the foreign country must agree to return
12 such panda to China.

13 (3) As of May 2019, China had loaned giant
14 pandas to approximately 22 zoos located in 18 dif-
15 ferent countries.

16 (4) Under the giant panda loan agreements be-
17 tween the United States and China, the United
18 States—

1 (A) bears the cost of caring for each giant
2 panda in its possession, including costs relating
3 to breeding; and

4 (B) may not negotiate the ownership of
5 giant pandas born as the result of such breed-
6 ing.

7 (5) On January 19, 2021, the Department of
8 State determined China, under the direction and
9 control of the Chinese Communist Party, committed
10 crimes against humanity and genocide against the
11 predominately Muslim Uyghurs and other ethnic and
12 religious minority groups in Xinjiang.

13 (6) In December 2021, the United States an-
14 nounced that they will not send any official rep-
15 resentation to the 2022 Beijing Winter Olympics
16 due to such human rights violations.

17 (7) The People's Liberation Army has and con-
18 tinues to threaten and intimidate Taiwan, one of the
19 closest security partners and allies of the United
20 States, with comprehensive live-fire exercises con-
21 ducted by naval and air patrols in the East China
22 Sea and Taiwan Strait.

23 (8) During the height of the 2019 prodemoc-
24 racy protests in Hong Kong, President Xi Jinping of
25 the People's Republic of China stated, "[T]hose who

1 engage in separatist activities in any part of China
2 will be smashed into pieces.”.

3 (9) The Communist Party of China has been
4 enriched by the gifting and leasing of giant pandas
5 to the United States and other countries for dec-
6 ades.

7 (10) The United States plays an ongoing, vital
8 role in conserving the endangered giant panda spe-
9 cies through various breeding programs and is dedi-
10 cated to repopulating the species.

11 (11) Prolonged studies of generations of pandas
12 in United States zoos would lead to better scientific
13 understanding of the species.

14 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
15 gress that—

16 (1) any giant panda born in the United States
17 should belong to the United States; and

18 (2) the United States should seek the coordina-
19 tion of its allies to establish collaborative giant
20 panda breeding programs.

