

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 117-13**  
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Add at the end of subsection (c) of title XII of division A the following:

1 **SEC. 12 \_\_\_\_ . CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION REGARDING**  
2 **CRYPTOCURRENCY PAYMENTS BY THE DE-**  
3 **PARTMENT OF STATE.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (e) of section 36 of the  
5 State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 (22  
6 U.S.C. 2708) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
7 lowing new paragraph:

8 “(7) NOTIFICATION.—The Secretary of State  
9 shall notify the appropriate congressional committees  
10 not later than 15 days before payment in  
11 cryptocurrency of a reward under this section.”.

12 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date  
13 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall  
14 submit to the appropriate congressional committees a re-  
15 port on the use of cryptocurrency as a part of the Depart-  
16 ment of State Rewards Program pursuant to section 36  
17 of the of the State Department Basic Authorities Act of  
18 1956 (22 U.S.C. 2708). Such report shall—

1 (1) explain why the Department of State made  
2 the determination to pay out rewards in  
3 cryptocurrency;

4 (2) lists each cryptocurrency payment already  
5 paid by the Department;

6 (3) provides evidence as to why cryptocurrency  
7 payments would be more likely to induce whistle-  
8 blowers to come forward with information than re-  
9 wards paid out in United States dollars or other  
10 prizes;

11 (4) analyzes how the Department's use of  
12 cryptocurrency could undermine the dollar's status  
13 as the global reserve currency; and

14 (5) examines if the Department's use of  
15 cryptocurrency could provide bad actors with addi-  
16 tional hard-to-trace funds that could be used for  
17 criminal or illicit purposes.

18 (c) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DE-  
19 FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate congres-  
20 sional committees” means—

21 (1) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the  
22 House of Representatives;

23 (2) the Committee on Foreign Relations of the  
24 Senate.

