

AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT

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In subtitle E of title XVII, add at the end the following:

1 **SEC. ____ . STUDY AND ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ASSISTANT**
2 **DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR ENVIRONMENT**
3 **AND RESILIENCE.**

4 (a) STUDY.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense
6 shall carry out a study on the creation of a position
7 of Assistant Deputy Secretary for Environment and
8 Resilience, which would broaden the responsibilities
9 and authorities of the Deputy Assistant Secretary
10 for Environment. The Secretary shall determine the
11 scope of duties for this position by evaluating which
12 defense activities outside of sustainment are im-
13 pacted by the threat of anticipated or unanticipated
14 changes in environmental conditions, or extreme
15 weather events. The Secretary shall also consider
16 whether the position of Assistant Deputy Secretary
17 for Environment and Resilience should—

1 (A) update and execute on the Department
2 of Defense's 2014 Climate Change Adaptation
3 Roadmap;

4 (B) collaborate with other Assistant Dep-
5 uty Secretaries of Defense and Assistant Secre-
6 taries of Defense to develop recommendations
7 on how to factor climate risks into Department
8 of Defense policies; and

9 (C) undertake such other duties related to
10 environmental resilience as the Secretary may
11 determine appropriate.

12 (2) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than the
13 end of the 60-day period beginning on the date of
14 enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall issue a re-
15 port to the Congress containing all findings and de-
16 terminations made in carrying out the study re-
17 quired under paragraph (1).

18 (b) ESTABLISHMENT.—After issuing the report re-
19 quired under subsection (a), the Secretary shall establish
20 the position of Assistant Deputy Secretary for Environ-
21 ment and Resilience and delegate such duties to the posi-
22 tion as the Secretary determines appropriate, taking into
23 account the results of the study required under subsection
24 (a).

1 (c) ANNUAL REPORT.—The Assistant Deputy Sec-
2 retary for Environment and Resilience shall issue an an-
3 nual report to the Secretary of Defense and the Congress
4 containing a description of the actions taken by the Assist-
5 ant Deputy Secretary during the previous year.

