

**AMENDMENT TO**  
**RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 119-33**  
**OFFERED BY MR. MENENDEZ OF NEW JERSEY**

At the end of subtitle E of title X, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 10\_\_ . STUDY ON NOISE POLLUTION FROM HELI-**  
2 **COPTERS.**

3 (a) STUDY.—The Secretary of Defense, in coordina-  
4 tion with the Administrators of the Federal Aviation Ad-  
5 ministration and the Environmental Protection Agency,  
6 shall conduct a study on noise pollution from helicopter  
7 operations in the United States, including military, non-  
8 essential, and recreational helicopter operations, and the  
9 effects of such noise pollution on public health and welfare  
10 in adjacent communities.

11 (b) SCOPE.—In conducting the study, the Secretary  
12 shall evaluate the public health and welfare effects of noise  
13 pollution from helicopters, including—

14 (1) levels and kinds of noise associated with  
15 helicopter travel;

16 (2) variations in noise levels and impact at dif-  
17 ferent times of day and night;

1           (3) the extent of chronic noise exposure in af-  
2           fected areas;

3           (4) psychological and physiological effects of  
4           noise exposure, including nonauditory effects such as  
5           cardiovascular disease, hypertension, and mental  
6           health;

7           (5) the extent of interference with normal and  
8           daily activities, including effects of noise exposure in  
9           sleep, learning, and work productivity;

10          (6) the effects of noise exposure on sensitive  
11          populations and geographies, including children, sen-  
12          iors, health care facilities, schools, protected areas,  
13          urban areas, and overburdened communities;

14          (7) the effect of noise on public health and wel-  
15          fare in communities near military bases, flight  
16          paths, and other areas regulatory affected by mili-  
17          tary helicopter operations; and

18          (8) for each category analyzed in paragraphs  
19          (1) through (7), the extent to which such effects are  
20          attributable to nonessential and recreational heli-  
21          copter flights.

22          (c) RECOMMENDATIONS.—Not later than 18 months  
23          after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
24          shall—

- 1           (1) issue recommendations to abate noise pollu-
- 2           tion from helicopters, including recommendations to
- 3           abate noise from nonessential and recreational heli-
- 4           copter flights; and
- 5           (2) submit to Congress a report on such rec-
- 6           ommendations.

