

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT

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At the end of subtitle C of title XVIII, add the following:

1 **SEC. 1859. ADDRESSING SECURITY THREATS TO LEBANON.**

2 (a) REPORT ON THE LEBANESE ARMED FORCES, IM-
3 PLEMENTATION OF UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL
4 RESOLUTION 1701, AND ADDRESSING SECURITY
5 THREATS TO LEBANON.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after
7 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
8 of State shall submit to the appropriate congress-
9 sional committees a report—

10 (A) identifying the extent of Hezbollah’s
11 influence within the legislative, judicial, and fi-
12 nancial institutions of Lebanon;

13 (B) describing military activities conducted
14 by the Lebanese Armed Forces (referred to in
15 this section as the “LAF”) to fully implement
16 United Nations Security Council Resolution
17 (UNSCR) 1701 (2006) and successor resolu-
18 tions;

1 (C) describing the extent of Iranian and
2 Syrian influence in Lebanon, as well as the ca-
3 pability of Hezbollah with respect to its stock-
4 pile of weapons;

5 (D) describing the capability of the LAF
6 with respect to defending Lebanon's border
7 from threats from Syria;

8 (E) describing the steps taken by the LAF
9 to prevent refoulement of Syrians back to Syria
10 and the human rights abuses associated with
11 the forced return of refugees to Syria; and

12 (F) describing how wage support to the
13 LAF furthers United States objectives in Leb-
14 anon, internal security, and the LAF's ability
15 to enforce United Nations Security Council
16 Resolution (UNSCR) 1701 (2006).

17 (2) FORM.—The report required by paragraph
18 (1) shall be submitted in an unclassified form but
19 may contain a classified annex if the Secretary of
20 State determines such is appropriate and if such
21 classified annex is transmitted separately from the
22 unclassified report.

23 (b) STRATEGY FOR SUPPORTING ECONOMIC AND PO-
24 LITICAL STABILITY IN LEBANON.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
2 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
3 retary of State shall submit to the appropriate con-
4 gressional committees an action plan to accomplish
5 the following:

6 (A) Leverage the maritime demarcation
7 agreement between Israel and Lebanon to sup-
8 port sustainable economic growth in Lebanon
9 that supports the people of Lebanon.

10 (B) Support responsible, democratic gov-
11 ernance and economic reforms in Lebanon.

12 (2) DEFINITION.—In this subsection, the term
13 “appropriate congressional committees” means the
14 Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Rep-
15 resentatives, the Committee on Foreign Relations of
16 the Senate, the Committee on Appropriations of the
17 House of Representatives, and the Committee on
18 Appropriations of the Senate.

