

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 119-8
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At the end of subtitle C of title I, add the following
new section:

1 **SEC. 1____. REPORT ON PROCUREMENT STRATEGY FOR**
2 **SUBMARINE CABLE LAYING AND REPAIR**
3 **SHIPS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
5 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the
6 Navy shall submit to the congressional defense committees
7 a report on the strategy of the Navy for procuring at least
8 two cable laying and repair ships to replace the USNS
9 Zeus as it nears the end of its expected service life.

10 (b) ELEMENTS.—The report under subsection (a)
11 shall include—

12 (1) a description of the full scope of the
13 planned capabilities for the next generation of cable
14 laying and repair ships to meet anticipated Navy re-
15 quirements, including the feasibility of establishing
16 organic capabilities;

17 (2) a projected timeline for the procurement of
18 such ships, including the expected time until such
19 ships will be operational;

1 (3) an explanation of how the Navy plans to
2 meet Service requirements for submarine cable lay-
3 ing and repair during the period before which the
4 Navy is able to field new capabilities.

5 (c) FORM OF REPORT.—The report required under
6 subsection (a) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but
7 may contain a classified annex.

