

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 118–41**OFFERED BY MR. MOYLAN OF GUAM**

At the end of the bill (before the short title), insert the following:

1 **SEC. ____ . ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON UNITED STATES OUT-**
2 **LYING AREAS IN THE PACIFIC AND THE**
3 **FREELY ASSOCIATED STATES.**

4 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of the Interior,
5 in coordination with the lead senior interior official for
6 Guam, the Assistant Secretary for Insular and Inter-
7 national Affairs and the Governor of Guam, the Governor
8 of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands,
9 and the Governor of American Samoa shall establish an
10 advisory committee to be known as the “Advisory Com-
11 mittee on United States Pacific Outlying Areas and Freely
12 Associated States” (in this section referred to the “Com-
13 mittee”) to provide advice and guidance to the Secretary
14 on matters relating to residents of the areas described in
15 subsection (c)(2).

16 (b) DUTIES.—The duties of the Committee shall be
17 the following:

18 (1) To provide advice on matters relating to
19 building plans, structural fortification, and renova-

1 tion and the preservation of historical sites, burial
2 sites, and other sites of cultural significance.

3 (2) To suggest improvements to the programs
4 and services of the Department of the Interior to
5 better serve such residents.

6 (3) To identify evolving issues of relevance to
7 such residents.

8 (4) To propose clarifications, recommendations,
9 and solutions to address issues raised by such resi-
10 dents to the Committee.

11 (5) To provide a forum for such and employees
12 of the Department to discuss issues and proposals
13 for changes to regulations, policies, and procedures
14 of the Department.

15 (6) To identify priorities for and provide advice
16 to the Secretary and the Assistant Secretary on ap-
17 propriate strategies for consultation with local gov-
18 ernment and non-governmental organizations, stake-
19 holders, and other relevant entities serving such resi-
20 dents.

21 (7) To encourages the Secretary and Assistant
22 Secretary to work with other Federal departments
23 and agencies and Congress to ensure businesses and
24 not-for-profit organizations located in such areas are
25 made aware of future projects that will involve con-

1 struction, renovation, other such projects relating to
2 infrastructure, grant programs, and loan programs
3 in the United States Outlying Areas and the Freely
4 Associated States.

5 (8) To highlight contributions of such residents
6 to Federal agencies and programs.

7 (9) To encourage the Secretary and Assistant
8 Secretary to work with other departments and agen-
9 cies of the Federal Government and Congress to im-
10 prove upon existing programs and provide more effi-
11 cient and effective programs to the United States
12 Pacific Outlying Areas and the Freely Associated
13 States.

14 (10) To encourage the Secretary and Assistant
15 Secretary to improve and strengthen the working re-
16 lationship with the relevant government and non-
17 government agencies and organizations in such
18 areas.

19 (11) To conduct other duties as determined ap-
20 propriate by the Secretary and Assistant Secretary.”.

21 (c) MEMBERSHIP.—

22 (1) The Committee shall be comprised of six
23 voting members appointed by the Secretary;

24 (2) In appointing members pursuant to para-
25 graph (1), the Secretary shall ensure the following:

1 (A) At least one member is appointed to
2 represent residents of each of the following
3 areas:

4 (i) American Samoa

5 (ii) The Commonwealth of the North-
6 ern Mariana Islands

7 (iii) Guam

8 (iv) The Federated States of Micro-
9 nesia

10 (v) The Republic of the Marshall Is-
11 lands

12 (vi) The Republic of Palau

13 (B) Each member appointed resides in an
14 area listed in subparagraph (A).

15 (3) In appointing members pursuant to para-
16 graph (1), the Secretary may consult with any Mem-
17 ber of Congress who represents an area specified in
18 paragraph (2)(A) or the Ambassador of such area
19 for the Freely Associated States;

20 (d) TERMS; VACANCIES.—

21 (1) A member of the Committee—

22 (A) Shall be appointed for a term of two
23 years; and

24 (B) may be reappointed to serve an addi-
25 tional two-year term.

1 (2) Not later than 180 days after receiving no-
2 tice of a vacancy in the Committee, the Secretary
3 shall fill the vacancy in the same manner as the
4 original appointment.

5 (e) MEETING FORMAT AND FREQUENCY.—

6 (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), the
7 Committee shall meet in person with the Secretary
8 not less than four times each year and shall hold
9 monthly conference calls with the Secretary or As-
10 sistant Secretary as is determined necessary by the
11 Committee.

12 (2) Meetings held under paragraph (1) may be
13 conducted virtually if determined necessary based on
14 Department protocols and timing.

15 (f) ADDITIONAL REPRESENTATION.—

16 (1) Representatives of relevant Federal depart-
17 ments and agencies may attend meetings of the
18 Committee held pursuant to subsection (e) of this
19 section;

20 (2) One representative of the Department shall
21 attend each meeting of the Committee in addition to
22 the Secretary

23 (3) Representatives attending meetings under
24 this subsection—

1 (A) shall not be considered voting members
2 of the Committee;

3 (B) may not receive additional compensa-
4 tion for services performed with respect to the
5 Committee; and

6 (C) shall not be subject to the term-lengths
7 or limits defined under subsection (d).

8 (g) REPORTS.—

9 (1) Not later than October 1, 2025 and every
10 12 months following the date of the first report, the
11 Committee shall submit to the Secretary and the ap-
12 propriate committees of Congress a report describing
13 the activities of the Committee during the period
14 covered by the report and actions taken on the rec-
15 ommendations of the report from the period imme-
16 diately prior to the current period

17 (2) The Committee shall make publicly avail-
18 able on the website of the Committee—

19 (A) each report submitted in accordance
20 with paragraph (1);

21 (B) each written response the Secretary
22 submits under paragraph (2)

23 (3) Not later than 120 days after the date on
24 which the Secretary receives a report under para-
25 graph (1), the Secretary shall submit to the appro-

1 piate committees of Congress a written response to
2 the report that includes any comments of the Com-
3 mittee on such response

4 (4) The Secretary shall make publicly available
5 on the website of the Department of the Interior—

6 (A) each report submitted by the Com-
7 mittee in accordance with paragraph (1); and

8 (B) each written response the Secretary
9 submits under paragraph (2).

10 (h) COMMITTEE PERSONNEL MATTER.—A member
11 of the Committee shall be allowed travel expenses, includ-
12 ing per diem in lieu of subsistence, at rates authorized
13 fro an employee of an agency under subchapter I of chap-
14 ter 57 of title 5, United States Code while away from the
15 home or regular place of business of the member in the
16 performance of the duties of the Committee.

17 (i) CONSULTATION.—In carrying out this section, the
18 Secretary shall consult with governmental, agencies, and
19 not-for-profit organizations serving residents of the United
20 States Pacific Outlying Areas and Freely Associated
21 States, and other stakeholders within such areas as are
22 identified by the Committee or the Secretary.

23 (j) TERMINATION.—The Committee shall terminate
24 on the date that is 20 years after the date of enactment
25 of this section.

1 (k) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

2 (1) The term “appropriate committees of Con-
3 gress” means the House Natural Resources Com-
4 mittee, the Senate Energy and Natural Resources
5 Committee, and the Senate Environment and Public
6 Works Committee.

7 (2) The term “Committee” means the Advisory
8 Committee on United States Pacific Outlying Areas
9 and Freely Associated States established under sub-
10 section (a)

11 (3) The term “United States Pacific Outlying
12 Areas and Freely Associated States” means Amer-
13 ican Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern
14 Mariana Islands, Guam, the Federated States of Mi-
15 cronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and
16 the Republic of Palau.”.

17 (l) DEADLINE FOR ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later
18 than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,
19 the Secretary of the Interior shall establish the advisory
20 committee required by subsection (a).

21 (m) DEADLINE FOR INITIAL APPOINTMENTS.—Not
22 later than 90 days after the date on which the Secretary
23 establishes the advisory committee required by subsection
24 (a), the Secretary shall appoint the members of such advi-
25 sory committee.

1 (n) INITIAL MEETING.—Not later than 180 days
2 after the date on which the Secretary establishes the advi-
3 sory committee required by subsection (a), such advisory
4 committee shall hold its first meeting.

