

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE
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At the end of title V, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 5 ____ . SENSE OF CONGRESS AND REPORT ON IRANIAN**
2 **EFFORTS IN SYRIA.**

3 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
4 gress that, regardless of the ultimate number of United
5 States military personnel deployed to Syria, it is a vital
6 interest of the United States to prevent the Islamic Re-
7 public of Iran, Hizbollah, and other Iranian-backed forces
8 from establishing a strong and enduring presence in Syria
9 that can be used to project power in the region and threat-
10 en the United States and its allies, including Israel.

11 (b) REPORT.—

12 (1) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 180
13 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Di-
14 rector of National Intelligence, in coordination with
15 the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense,
16 shall submit to the appropriate congressional com-
17 mittees a report that assesses—

1 (A) efforts by Iran to establish long-term
2 influence in Syria through military, political,
3 economic, social, and cultural means; and

4 (B) the threat posed by such efforts to
5 United States interests and allies.

6 (2) ELEMENTS.—The report under paragraph
7 (1) shall include each of the following:

8 (A) An assessment of—

9 (i) how Iran and Iranian-backed
10 forces, including the Islamic Revolutionary
11 Guard Corps and Hizbollah, have provided
12 or are currently providing manpower,
13 training, weapons, equipment, and funding
14 to the Syrian government led by President
15 Bashar al-Assad;

16 (ii) the support provided by Iran and
17 Hizbollah to Shia militias operating in
18 Syria that are composed of domestic fight-
19 ers from Syria and foreign fighters from
20 countries like Afghanistan, Iraq, Lebanon,
21 and Pakistan;

22 (iii) the threat posed by Iran and Ira-
23 nian-backed forces to the al-Tanf garrison
24 and to areas of northeast Syria that are

1 currently controlled by local partner forces
2 of the United States;

3 (iv) the degree to which efforts of the
4 United States to sustain and strengthen
5 Kurdish forces in Syria may undermine the
6 influence of Iran and Iranian-backed forces
7 in Syria;

8 (v) how Iran and Iranian-backed
9 forces seek to enhance the long-term influ-
10 ence of such entities in Syria through non-
11 military means such as purchasing stra-
12 tegic real estate in Syria, constructing Shia
13 religious centers and schools, securing loy-
14 alty from Sunni tribes in exchange for ma-
15 terial assistance, and inducing the Assad
16 government to open Farsi-language depart-
17 ments at Syrian universities; and

18 (vi) whether the prominent role of
19 Iran in Syria, including the influence of
20 Iran over government institutions, may in-
21 crease the likelihood of the reconstitution
22 of the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria in
23 Syria.

24 (B) An analysis of—

1 (i) how Iran is working with the Rus-
2 sian Federation, Turkey, and other coun-
3 tries to increase the influence of Iran in
4 Syria; and

5 (ii) the goals of Iran in Syria, includ-
6 ing, but not limited to, protecting the
7 Assad government, increasing the regional
8 influence of Iran, threatening Israel from a
9 more proximate location, building weapon-
10 production facilities and other military in-
11 frastructure, and securing a land bridge to
12 connect Iran through Iraq and Syria to the
13 stronghold of Hizbollah in southern Leb-
14 anon.

15 (C) A description of—

16 (i) how the efforts of Iran to transfer
17 advanced weapons to Hizbollah and to es-
18 tablish a military presence in Syria has led
19 to direct and repeated confrontations with
20 Israel; and

21 (ii) the intelligence and military sup-
22 port that the United States provides to
23 Israel to help Israel identify and appro-
24 priately address specific threats to Israel

1 from Iran and Iranian-backed forces in
2 Syria.

3 (3) FORM.—The report under paragraph (1)
4 shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may in-
5 clude a classified annex.

6 (4) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
7 TEES DEFINED.—In this section, the term “appro-
8 priate congressional committees” means—

9 (A) the Committee on Armed Services, the
10 Committee on Foreign Relations, and the Select
11 Committee on Intelligence of the Senate; and

12 (B) the Committee on Armed Services, the
13 Committee on Foreign Affairs, and the Perma-
14 nent Select Committee on Intelligence of the
15 House of Representatives.

