

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT**

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At the end of subtitle B of title XII, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 12\_\_\_ . MARITIME ARCHITECTURE AND RESPONSE TO**  
2 **INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM IN THE MIDDLE**  
3 **EAST.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense, with  
5 the concurrence of the Secretary of State, shall seek to  
6 build upon the historic opportunities created by the Abra-  
7 ham Accords and the incorporation of Israel into the area  
8 of responsibility of the United States Central Command  
9 to develop a Middle East integrated maritime domain  
10 awareness and interdiction capability for the purpose of  
11 protecting the people, infrastructure, and territory of such  
12 countries from—

13 (1) manned and unmanned naval systems, un-  
14 dersea warfare capabilities, and anti-ship missiles of  
15 Iran and groups affiliated with Iran; and

16 (2) violent extremist organizations, criminal  
17 networks, and piracy activities that threaten lawful  
18 commerce in the waterways within the area of re-

1           sponsibility of the United States Naval Forces Cen-  
2           tral Command.

3           (b) STRATEGY.—

4                 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after  
5           the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
6           of Defense, with the concurrence of the Secretary of  
7           State, shall submit to the appropriate committees of  
8           Congress a strategy for the cooperation described in  
9           subsection (a).

10                (2) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—The strategy  
11           required by paragraph (1) shall include the fol-  
12           lowing:

13                 (A) An assessment of the threats posed to  
14           ally or partner countries in the Middle East  
15           by—

16                         (i) manned and unmanned naval sys-  
17                         tems, undersea warfare capabilities, and  
18                         anti-ship missiles of Iran and groups affili-  
19                         ated with Iran; and

20                         (ii) violent extremist organizations,  
21                         criminal networks, and piracy activities  
22                         that threaten lawful commerce in the wa-  
23                         terways within the area of responsibility of  
24                         the United States Naval Forces Central  
25                         Command.

1 (B) A description of existing multilateral  
2 maritime partnerships currently led by the  
3 United States Naval Forces Central Command,  
4 including the Combined Maritime Forces (in-  
5 cluding its associated Task Forces 150, 151,  
6 152, and 153), the International Maritime Se-  
7 curity Construct, and the Navy's Task Force  
8 59, and a discussion of the role of such partner-  
9 ships in building an integrated maritime secu-  
10 rity capability.

11 (C) A description of progress made in ad-  
12 vancing the integration of Israel into the exist-  
13 ing multilateral maritime partnerships de-  
14 scribed in subparagraph (B).

15 (D) A description of efforts among coun-  
16 tries in the Middle East to coordinate intel-  
17 ligence, reconnaissance, and surveillance capa-  
18 bilities and indicators and warnings with re-  
19 spect to the threats described in subparagraph  
20 (A), and a description of any impediment to op-  
21 timizing such efforts.

22 (E) A description of the current Depart-  
23 ment of Defense systems that, in coordination  
24 with ally and partner countries in the Middle  
25 East—

1 (i) provide awareness of and defend  
2 against such threats; and

3 (ii) address current capability gaps.

4 (F) An explanation of the manner in which  
5 an integrated maritime domain awareness and  
6 interdiction architecture would improve collec-  
7 tive security in the Middle East.

8 (G) A description of existing and planned  
9 efforts to engage ally and partner countries in  
10 the Middle East in establishing such an archi-  
11 tecture.

12 (H) An identification of the elements of  
13 such an architecture that may be acquired and  
14 operated by ally and partner countries in the  
15 Middle East, and a list of such elements for  
16 each such ally and partner.

17 (I) An identification of the elements of  
18 such an architecture that may only be provided  
19 and operated by members of the United States  
20 Armed Forces.

21 (J) An identification of any challenge to  
22 optimizing such an architecture in the Middle  
23 East.

24 (K) An assessment of progress and key  
25 challenges in the implementation of the strategy

1 required by paragraph (1) using the metrics  
2 identified in accordance with paragraph (3).

3 (L) Recommendations for improvements in  
4 the implementation of such strategy based on  
5 such metrics.

6 (M) An assessment of any capabilities or  
7 lessons from the Navy's Task Force 59 that  
8 may be leveraged to support an integrated mar-  
9 itime domain awareness and interdiction capa-  
10 bility in the Middle East.

11 (N) Any other matter the Secretary of De-  
12 fense or the Secretary of State considers rel-  
13 evant.

14 (3) METRICS.—The Secretary of Defense shall  
15 identify metrics to assess progress in the implemen-  
16 tation of the strategy required by paragraph (1).

17 (4) FORMAT.—The strategy required by para-  
18 graph (1) shall be submitted in unclassified form but  
19 may include a classified annex.

20 (c) PROTECTION OF SENSITIVE INFORMATION.—Any  
21 activity carried out under this section shall be conducted  
22 in a manner that appropriately protects sensitive informa-  
23 tion and the national security interests of the United  
24 States.

1 (d) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS DE-  
2 FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate commit-  
3 tees of Congress” means—

4 (1) the Committee on Armed Services, the  
5 Committee on Appropriations, the Committee on  
6 Foreign Relations, and the Select Committee on In-  
7 telligence of the Senate; and

8 (2) the Committee on Armed Services, the  
9 Committee on Appropriations, the Committee on  
10 Foreign Affairs, and the Permanent Select Com-  
11 mittee on Intelligence of the House of Representa-  
12 tives.

