

**AMENDMENT TO
RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 119-33
OFFERED BY MR. FOSTER OF ILLINOIS**

At the end of subtitle C of title XVI, add the following new section:

**SEC. 16_. STUDY ON THE SURVIVABILITY OF UNITED STATES BALLISTIC MISSILE
SUBMARINES.**

(a) **STUDY.**—The Secretary of the Navy shall seek to enter into an arrangement with the scientific advisory group known as “JASON” to conduct a study on the current status of, and future developments affecting, the survivability of the ballistic missile submarines of the Navy in the open oceans.

(b) **ELEMENTS.**—The study under subsection (a) shall include—

(1) assessment of the current survivability of the Navy’s ballistic missile submarines at sea;

(2) a projection, with uncertainties explained, of the expected survivability of such submarines over the next several decades;

(3) analysis of projected developments in techniques, including techniques using artificial intelligence and quantum sensing, for detecting nuclear submarines in the open oceans and the effectiveness of various countermeasures to those techniques; and

(4) the development of recommendations for strengthening the research programs of the Navy to improve detection of ballistic missile submarines and related countermeasures.

(c) **REPORT.**—Not later than December 31, 2027, the Secretary of the Navy shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report that includes the results of the study conducted under subsection (a).

(d) **FORM.**—The report under subsection (c) may be submitted in classified form, but if so submitted shall include an unclassified executive summary.