

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 116-19

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Add at the end of subtitle G of title XII the following:

1 **SEC. 1268. REPORT ON IMPLICATIONS OF CHINESE MILI-**
2 **TARY PRESENCE IN DJIBOUTI.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
4 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
5 shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees
6 a report that contains a comprehensive strategy to address
7 security concerns posed by the Chinese People’s Libera-
8 tion Army Support Base in Djibouti to United States mili-
9 tary installations and logistics chains in sub-Saharan Afri-
10 ca and the Middle East.

11 (b) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—The report re-
12 quired by subsection (a) shall include the following:

13 (1) An assessment of the potential military, in-
14 telligence, and logistical threats facing key regional
15 United States military infrastructure, supply chains,
16 and staging grounds due to the proximity of major
17 Chinese military assets in Djibouti.

18 (2) An assessment of the efforts taken by Camp
19 Lemonnier to improve aviation safety in the after-

1 math of the recent Chinese military targeting of
2 American flight crews with military-grade lasers.

3 (3) An assessment of Djibouti's Chinese-held
4 public debt and the strategic vulnerabilities such
5 may present if China moves to claim the Port of
6 Djibouti or other key logistical assets in repayment.

7 (4) A description of the specific operational
8 challenges facing United States military and supply
9 chains in the Horn of Africa and the Middle East
10 in the event that access to the strategically signifi-
11 cant Port of Djibouti becomes limited or lost in its
12 entirety, as well as a comprehensive contingency
13 strategy to maintain full operational capacity in
14 AFRICOM and CENTCOM through other ports and
15 transport hubs.

16 (5) An identification of measures to mitigate
17 risk of escalation between United States and Chinese
18 military assets in Djibouti.

19 (6) Any other matters the Secretary of Defense
20 considers appropriate.

21 (c) FORM.—The report required under subsection (a)
22 shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may include
23 a classified annex.

1 (d) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES

2 DEFINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate con-
3 gressional committees” means—

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

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

