AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 119-8 OFFERED BY MR. NEGUSE OF COLORADO

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

1	SEC. 7 STUDY ON TRICARE PROGRAM CONTRACT
2	TRANSITION.
3	(a) Requirement.—Not later than two years after
4	the date of the enactment of this section, the Secretary
5	of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense com-
6	mittees a study on the TRICARE contract transition.
7	(b) Elements.—The study under subsection (a)
8	shall include the following:
9	(1) The effects of the TRICARE contract tran-
10	sition on—
11	(A) members of the Armed Forces and
12	covered beneficiaries who receive health care
13	under the TRICARE program in the West re-
14	gion; and
15	(B) the providers of such health care.
16	(2) The average time for such members and
17	covered beneficiaries to resolve any issues relating to
18	the TRICARE contract transition.

1	(3) A description of how the Department of De-
2	fense and the TRICARE program—
3	(A) prepared for the TRICARE contract
4	transition; and
5	(B) communicated information to such
6	members and covered beneficiaries regarding
7	the transition and how to resolve any issues re-
8	lating to the transition.
9	(c) Definitions.—In this section:
10	(1) The terms "covered beneficiary" and
11	"TRICARE program" have the meaning given such
12	terms in section 1072 of title 10, United States
13	Code.
14	(2) The term "TRICARE contract transition"
15	means the transition to a new contract under the
16	TRICARE program with respect to the administra-
17	tion of the West region occurring on January 1,
18	2025.

