

AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
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At the appropriate place in subtitle D of title XVI,
insert the following:

1 **SEC. 16__ . MIDDLE EAST INTEGRATED AIR AND MISSILE**
2 **DEFENSE.**

3 Section 1658 of the James M. Inhofe National De-
4 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law
5 117–263; 136 Stat. 2951) is amended—

6 (1) by redesignating subsection (c) as sub-
7 section (d); and

8 (2) by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-
9 lowing new subsection:

10 “(c) REPORT.—

11 “(1) REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 180 days
12 after the date of the enactment of the National De-
13 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026, the
14 Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Sec-
15 retary of State, shall submit to the congressional de-
16 fense committees a report containing an update on
17 progress made toward implementing an integrated

1 air and missile defense architecture described in sub-
2 section (a).

3 “(2) MATTERS INCLUDED.—The report under
4 paragraph (1) shall include the following:

5 “(A) An assessment of the threat of bal-
6 listic and cruise missiles, manned and un-
7 manned aerial systems, and rocket attacks from
8 Iran and groups linked to Iran to allies and
9 partners within the area of responsibility of the
10 United States Central Command.

11 “(B) A description of the missile defense
12 priorities and capability needs of the United
13 States Central Command to defend against the
14 threats described in subparagraph (A), and the
15 planned regional missile defense architectures
16 derived from such priorities and capability
17 needs.

18 “(C) An analysis of current integrated air
19 and missile defense systems in the area of re-
20 sponsibility of the United States Central Com-
21 mand to defend against threats described in
22 subparagraph (A) and meet the missile defense
23 priorities described in subparagraph (B).

24 “(D) An assessment of progress made to-
25 wards addressing challenges identified and

1 meeting benchmarks established in the strategy
2 required by subsection (b), including—

3 “(i) an identification of elements of
4 the multinational integrated air and missile
5 defense architecture that have been ac-
6 quired by specified foreign partners since
7 October 7, 2023; and

8 “(ii) an identification of elements of
9 the multinational integrated air and missile
10 defense architecture that—

11 “(I) can be acquired and oper-
12 ated by specified foreign partners; and

13 “(II) can only be provided and
14 operated by members of the Armed
15 Forces.

16 “(E) Lessons learned in combat operations
17 against aerial threats since the October 7,
18 2023, Hamas terrorist attacks against Israel,
19 including—

20 “(i) countering the April 13, 2024,
21 and October 1, 2024, ballistic missile and
22 drone attacks by Iran against Israel, in-
23 cluding—

24 “(I) the adequacy of pre-existing
25 data sharing agreements in facili-

1 tating effective joint responses with
2 recommendations for further improve-
3 ments;

4 “(II) the extent to which defen-
5 sive operations were accomplished
6 with personnel and equipment on reg-
7 ularly planned deployments versus
8 personnel and equipment surged to
9 the region on an ad hoc basis;

10 “(III) a comparative analysis of
11 the performances of systems operated
12 by the United States and operated by
13 Israel in intercepting Iranian fires
14 missiles and drones during the at-
15 tacks;

16 “(IV) an estimate of the extent
17 to which a similarly effective defense
18 could be provided to allies and part-
19 ners in the Middle East if attacked by
20 Iran, and if currently insufficient,
21 what changes to force structure or
22 pre-staged equipment would be re-
23 quired to effectively do so; and

1 “(V) the extent to which the
2 strategy under subsection (b) contrib-
3 uted to such defensive operations; and
4 “(ii) countering the more than 900
5 projectiles launched by the Houthis in
6 Yemen against maritime targets in the
7 area of responsibility of the United States
8 Central Command.

9 “(F) Such other matters as the Secretary
10 considers relevant.

11 “(3) PROTECTION OF SENSITIVE INFORMA-
12 TION.—Any activity carried out under paragraph (1)
13 shall be conducted in a manner that is consistent
14 with protection of intelligence sources and methods
15 and appropriately protects sensitive information and
16 the national security interests of the United States.

17 “(4) FORMAT.—The report submitted under
18 paragraph (1) shall be submitted in unclassified
19 form, but may include a classified annex.”.

