

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 118-

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Add at the end of subtitle B of title XVIII, insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. 18__ . CONSISTENCY IN DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

2 **EMISSIONS REPORTING.**

3 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

4 (1) Climate change is the result of greenhouse
5 gas emissions from human activities, and its effects
6 include extreme heat, drought, intensified storms
7 and hurricanes, rising sea level, ocean acidification,
8 intensifying wildfires, and other natural disasters.

9 (2) The Department of Defense is the largest
10 consumer of energy in the federal government and
11 the largest institutional emitter of greenhouse gases
12 in the world.

13 (3) 197 parties, including the United States,
14 are parties to the United Nations Framework Con-
15 vention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the prin-
16 cipal framework to stabilize greenhouse gas con-
17 centrations in the earth's atmosphere.

1 (4) As part of its obligations under the 2015
2 Paris Agreement, the United States submits yearly
3 National Inventory Reports to the UNFCCC, detail-
4 ing greenhouse gas emissions per year across a
5 range of categories, including military mobile com-
6 bustion emissions and jet fuel combustion by mili-
7 tary aircraft. Military greenhouse gas emissions re-
8 ported in United States National Inventory Reports
9 to the UNFCCC differ significantly from those re-
10 ported to Congress in the Department of Defense’s
11 August 2021 report on greenhouse gas emissions.

12 (5) In 2021, the Department of Defense ful-
13 filled a requirement in the fiscal year 2022 NDAA
14 to share its total greenhouse gas emissions with
15 Congress, reporting, among other data—

16 (A) In fiscal year 2019, 61 percent of the
17 Department of Defense’s 55 million metric tons
18 of carbon dioxide equivalent emissions, or ap-
19 proximately 33 million metric tons, derived
20 from the combustion of fossil fuels in oper-
21 ational vehicles and equipment.

22 (B) Jet fuel combustion accounted for ap-
23 proximately 80 percent – or approximately 27.2
24 million metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent

1 – of the Department of Defense’s operational
2 emissions in fiscal year 2019.

3 (6) In the United States’ 2021 National Inven-
4 tory Report to the UNFCCC, which reported data
5 for 2019, the Department of Defense reported,
6 among other data—

7 (A) In 2019, the United States emitted 5.3
8 million metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent
9 in military mobile combustion of fossil fuels.

10 (B) In 2019, United States military air-
11 craft emitted 11.9 million metric tons of carbon
12 dioxide equivalent from the combustion of jet
13 fuel.

14 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
15 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
16 shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the
17 House of Representatives and the Senate and the Comp-
18 troller General of the United States a report accounting
19 for the discrepancies between reported greenhouse gas
20 emissions of the Department of Defense (as cited in Au-
21 gust 2021 Department of Defense report to Congress) and
22 the April 2021 National Inventory submission of the
23 United States to the United Nations Framework Conven-
24 tion on Climate Change.

1 (c) ELEMENTS.—The report required under sub-
2 section (b) shall include the following:

3 (1) The methodology the Secretary of Defense
4 used to calculate military mobile combustion emis-
5 sions and emissions from jet fuel combustion by
6 military aircraft for the 2021 National Inventory
7 submission.

8 (2) The methodology the Secretary of Defense
9 used to calculate operational military greenhouse gas
10 emissions in the August 2021 report to Congress.

11 (3) An assessment of the sources of the discrep-
12 ancies in reported United States military emissions
13 between the two reports.

14 (4) Steps the Department of Defense will take
15 to ensure that its emissions reporting to the United
16 Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
17 is comprehensive and corresponds to information de-
18 livered to Congress.

19 (d) FORM AND PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The report
20 under paragraph (b) shall—

21 (1) be submitted in an unclassified form;

22 (2) made available on a website of the Depart-
23 ment of Defense not later than 30 days after sub-
24 mission under subsection (b); and

- 1 (3) include corresponding documentation as
- 2 links or attachments.

