

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 118-

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At the end of subtitle D of title III, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 3___ . 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 2023, the Department of Defense ful-
13 filled a requirement in the National Defense Author-
14 ization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 to share informa-
15 tion about the total greenhouse gas emissions of the
16 Department with Congress, reporting, among other
17 data that—

18 (A) during fiscal year 2021, 63 percent of
19 the 55,000,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide
20 equivalent emissions of the Department of De-
21 fense, or approximately 32,000,000 metric tons,
22 derived from the combustion of fossil fuels in
23 operational vehicles and equipment; and

24 (B) jet fuel combustion accounted for ap-
25 proximately 80 percent, or approximately

1 25,700,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide equiv-
2 alent, of the operational emissions of the De-
3 partment during fiscal year 2021.

4 (6) In the 2023 National Inventory Report of
5 the United States to the UNFCCC, which reported
6 data for 2019, the Department of Defense reported,
7 among other data, that—

8 (A) in 2021, the United States emitted
9 5,200,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide equiva-
10 lent in military mobile combustion of fossil
11 fuels; and

12 (B) in 2021, United States military air-
13 craft emitted 12,500,000 metric tons of carbon
14 dioxide equivalent from the combustion of jet
15 fuel.

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

1 United States to the United Nations Framework Conven-
2 tion on Climate Change.

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

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

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

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

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

21 (d) FORM AND PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The report
22 under paragraph (b) shall—

23 (1) be submitted in an unclassified form;

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

4 (3) include corresponding documentation as
5 links or attachments.

