AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT

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At the end of subtitle B of title VIII add the following:

SEC. 814. GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE AUDITS AND INVESTIGATIONS.

(a) AMENDMENT.—Title V of the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3091 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

“SEC. 513. GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE ANALYSES, EVALUATIONS, AND INVESTIGATIONS.

“(a) IN GENERAL.—The Director of National Intelligence shall, to the extent consistent with due regard for the protection from unauthorized disclosure of classified information relating to sensitive intelligence sources and methods, ensure that personnel of the Government Accountability Office designated by the Comptroller General are provided with access to all information in the possession of an element of the intelligence community that the Comptroller General determines is necessary for such personnel to conduct an analysis, evaluation, or investigation of a program or activity of an element of the intelligence community.”
community that is requested by a committee of Congress with jurisdiction over such program or activity.

“(b) CONFIDENTIALITY.—(1) The Comptroller General shall maintain the same level of confidentiality for information made available for an analysis, evaluation, or investigation referred to in subsection (a) as is required of the head of the element of the intelligence community from which such information is obtained. Officers and employees of the Government Accountability Office are subject to the same statutory penalties for unauthorized disclosure or use of such information as officers or employees of the element of the intelligence community that provided the Comptroller General or officers and employees of the Government Accountability Office with access to such information.

“(2) The Comptroller General shall establish procedures to protect from unauthorized disclosure all classified and other sensitive information furnished to the Comptroller General or any representative of the Comptroller General for conducting an analysis, evaluation, or investigation referred to in subsection (a). Such procedures shall be established in consultation with the Director of National Intelligence and the congressional intelligence committees.
“(3) Before initiating an analysis, evaluation, or investigation referred to in subsection (a), the Comptroller General shall provide the Director of National Intelligence and the head of each relevant element of the intelligence community with the name of each officer and employee of the Government Accountability Office who has obtained appropriate security clearance and to whom, upon proper identification, records and information of the element of the intelligence community shall be made available in conducting such analysis, evaluation, or investigation.

“(4) Any analysis, evaluation, or report prepared pursuant to this provision shall be unclassified but may include a classified annex, which shall be submitted to the congressional intelligence committees and, consistent with the protection of intelligence sources and methods, to the requesting committee with jurisdiction over the program or activity that is the subject of the report.”.

(b) Clerical Amendment.—The table of sections at the beginning of the National Security Act of 1947 is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 512 the following new item:

“Sec. 513. Government Accountability Office analyses, evaluations, and investigations.”