

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT**

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**OFFERED BY MR. PANETTA OF CALIFORNIA**

At the end of subtitle C of title XVIII, insert the following:

1 **SEC. \_\_\_\_ . GAO REPORT ON ADMINISTRATION OF MAIL-**  
2 **ORDER PHARMACY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF**  
3 **VETERANS AFFAIRS IN CALIFORNIA.**

4 (a) **STUDY AND REPORT.**—Not later than 6 months  
5 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller  
6 General of the United States shall carry out a study as-  
7 sessing the use of the mail-order pharmacy of the Depart-  
8 ment of Veterans Affairs and the ability of such mail-order  
9 pharmacy to meet the needs of veterans and active duty  
10 personnel in California and submit to the congressional  
11 defense committees a report on such study.

12 (b) **ELEMENTS.**—The report under subsection (a)  
13 shall include the following:

14 (1) An assessment of the administration of such  
15 mail-order pharmacy in the State of California, and  
16 whether such administration has created unneces-  
17 sary stress, anxiety, adverse events, or medical com-  
18 plications due to conditions including, but not lim-

1       ited to, delays in medical shipments, packages left in  
2       adverse weather conditions, and an inability to meet  
3       in person with a pharmacist trained in veterans  
4       healthcare.

5               (2) An assessment of the such mail-order phar-  
6       macy as a replacement for the physical pharmacy at  
7       the Major General William H. Gourley VA–DoD  
8       Outpatient Clinic (in this section referred to as the  
9       “Gourley Clinic”) and—

10               (A) the extent of delayed or damaged pre-  
11       scription shipments;

12               (B) the extent of lost or incomplete pre-  
13       scription shipment;

14               (C) the prevalence of incorrect prescrip-  
15       tions being shipped;

16               (D) the degree to which a lack of a phar-  
17       macy at the Gourley Clinic resulted in patients  
18       traveling to multiple locations to see a medical  
19       doctor and an offsite retail pharmacy;

20               (E) the degree to which relevant veterans  
21       and servicemembers assigned to the Gourley  
22       Clinic chose to get healthcare elsewhere due to  
23       a lack of onsite pharmacy services; and

24               (F) the assessment of the Secretary con-  
25       cerned on the appropriateness of

- 1 operationalizing the pharmacy of the Gourley
- 2 Clinic, including a cost assessment.

