

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 119-33
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At the end of subtitle B of title XVII, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 17 ____ . REPORT ON AL-QAEDA'S EXPANSION AND IL-**
2 **LICIT FINANCING IN MALI.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
4 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State, in
5 coordination with appropriate Federal departments and
6 agencies, shall submit to the appropriate congressional
7 committees a report on the scope and trajectory of al-
8 Qaeda's presence and influence in Mali, and the role of
9 gold trafficking, informal taxation, and illicit trade net-
10 works in Mali in financing terrorist and violent extremist
11 organizations. Such report shall include—

12 (1) an evaluation of al-Qaeda's territorial influ-
13 ence, including areas of de facto control, operational
14 freedom, or governance activities;

15 (2) an analysis of cross-border operations and
16 coordination with extremist elements in Burkina
17 Faso and Niger, including logistics, command-and-
18 control linkages, and mobility corridors;

1 (3) an assessment of recruitment pipelines, in-
2 cluding the exploitation of local grievances, ethnic
3 tensions, economic vulnerabilities, and displacement;

4 (4) an evaluation of financing mechanisms, in-
5 cluding taxation, extortion, illicit trade, and external
6 support networks;

7 (5) an analysis of trends indicating whether al-
8 Qaeda is consolidating, expanding, or fragmenting
9 its presence within Mali;

10 (6) an assessment of how illicit gold production,
11 transit, and export networks are exploited by ter-
12 rorist organizations, including al-Qaeda-affiliated
13 groups, for revenue generation;

14 (7) an analysis of the use of coercive taxation,
15 protection payments, or control of mining sites by
16 such organizations;

17 (8) identification of key transit routes,
18 facilitators, and financial intermediaries involved in
19 the illicit gold trade linked to extremist financing;

20 (9) an assessment of existing United States and
21 international efforts to disrupt illicit mineral-based
22 financing and recommendations for strengthening
23 such efforts; and

24 (10) an assessment of current sanctions against
25 entities in Mali, including the affects of such sanc-

1 tions on the capacity of the Malian government to
2 combat terrorist networks.

3 (b) DIPLOMATIC STRATEGY REQUIREMENT.—The re-
4 port required under subsection (a) shall include a United
5 States diplomatic strategy for countering al-Qaeda influ-
6 ence in Mali, including—

7 (1) proposed bilateral and multilateral diplo-
8 matic initiatives to constrain al-Qaeda’s freedom of
9 movement and influence;

10 (2) engagement with regional partners and
11 international organizations to improve cross-border
12 coordination and information sharing;

13 (3) efforts to address governance, economic,
14 and security conditions that facilitate extremist re-
15 cruitment and financing; and

16 (4) metrics for evaluating the effectiveness of
17 United States diplomatic engagement in countering
18 al-Qaeda’s expansion.

19 (d) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES
20 DEFINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate con-
21 gressional committees” means the Committee on Foreign
22 Affairs of the House of Representatives and the Com-
23 mittee on Foreign Relations of the Senate.

