

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 117-54**  
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At the appropriate place in subtitle E of title XII,  
insert the following:

1 **SEC. \_\_\_\_ . BALTIC REASSURANCE ACT.**

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

3 (1) The Russian Federation seeks to diminish  
4 the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)  
5 and recreate its sphere of influence in Europe using  
6 coercion, intimidation, and outright aggression.

7 (2) Deterring the Russian Federation from  
8 such aggression is vital for transatlantic security.

9 (3) The illegal occupation of Crimea by the  
10 Russian Federation and its continued engagement of  
11 destabilizing and subversive activities against inde-  
12 pendent and free states is of increasing concern.

13 (4) The Russian Federation also continues to  
14 disregard treaties, international laws and rights to  
15 freedom of navigation, territorial integrity, and sov-  
16 ereign international borders.

17 (5) The Russian Federation's continued occupa-  
18 tion of Georgian and Ukrainian territories and the  
19 sustained military buildup in the Russian Federa-

1       tion’s Western Military District and Kaliningrad has  
2       threatened continental peace and stability.

3               (6) The Baltic countries of Estonia, Latvia, and  
4       Lithuania are particularly vulnerable to an increas-  
5       ingly aggressive and subversive Russian Federation.

6               (7) In a declaration to celebrate 100 years of  
7       independence of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania  
8       issued on April 3, 2018, the Trump Administration  
9       reaffirmed United States commitments to these Bal-  
10      tic countries to “improve military readiness and ca-  
11      pabilities through sustained security assistance” and  
12      “explore new ideas and opportunities, including air  
13      defense, bilaterally and in NATO, to enhance deter-  
14      rence across the region”.

15              (8) These highly valued NATO allies of the  
16      United States have repeatedly demonstrated their  
17      commitment to advancing mutual interests as well  
18      as those of the NATO alliance.

19              (9) The Baltic countries also continue to par-  
20      ticipate in United States-led exercises to further pro-  
21      mote coordination, cooperation, and interoperability  
22      among allies and partner countries, and continue to  
23      demonstrate their reliability and commitment to pro-  
24      vide for their own defense.

1           (10) Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia each hosts  
2           a respected NATO Center of Excellence that pro-  
3           vides expertise to educate and promote NATO allies  
4           and partners in areas of vital interest to the alliance.

5           (11) United States support and commitment to  
6           allies across Europe has been a lynchpin for peace  
7           and security on the continent for over 70 years.

8           (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-  
9           gress as follows:

10           (1) The United States is committed to the secu-  
11           rity of the Baltic countries and should strengthen  
12           cooperation and support capacity-building initiatives  
13           aimed at improving the defense and security of such  
14           countries.

15           (2) The United States should lead a multilat-  
16           eral effort to develop a strategy to deepen joint ca-  
17           pabilities with Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, NATO al-  
18           lies, and other regional partners, to deter against ag-  
19           gression from the Russian Federation in the Baltic  
20           region, specifically in areas that would strengthen  
21           interoperability, joint capabilities, and military readi-  
22           ness necessary for Baltic countries to strengthen  
23           their national resilience.

24           (3) The United States should explore the feasi-  
25           bility of providing long range, mobile air defense sys-

1       tems in the Baltic region, including through  
2       leveraging cost-sharing mechanisms and multilateral  
3       deployment with NATO allies to reduce financial  
4       burdens on host countries.

5       (c) DEFENSE ASSESSMENT.—

6           (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after  
7       the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
8       of Defense shall, in consultation with appropriate  
9       counterparts of Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, North  
10      Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) allies, and  
11      other regional partners, conduct a comprehensive,  
12      multilateral assessment of the military requirements  
13      of such countries to deter and resist aggression by  
14      the Russian Federation that—

15           (A) provides an assessment of past and  
16           current initiatives to improve the efficiency, ef-  
17           fectiveness, readiness, and interoperability of  
18           Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia's national de-  
19           fense capabilities; and

20           (B) assesses the manner in which to meet  
21           those objectives, including future resource re-  
22           quirements and recommendations, by under-  
23           taking activities in the following areas:

24                   (i) Activities to increase the rotational  
25                   and forward presence, improve the capa-

1                   abilities, and enhance the posture and re-  
2                   sponse readiness of the United States or  
3                   forces of NATO in the Baltic region.

4                   (ii) Activities to improve air defense  
5                   systems, including modern air-surveillance  
6                   capabilities.

7                   (iii) Activities to improve counter-un-  
8                   manned aerial system capabilities.

9                   (iv) Activities to improve command  
10                  and control capabilities through increasing  
11                  communications, technology, and intel-  
12                  ligence capacity and coordination, includ-  
13                  ing secure and hardened communications.

14                  (v) Activities to improve intelligence,  
15                  surveillance, and reconnaissance capabili-  
16                  ties.

17                  (vi) Activities to enhance maritime do-  
18                  main awareness.

19                  (vii) Activities to improve military and  
20                  defense infrastructure, logistics, and ac-  
21                  cess, particularly transport of military sup-  
22                  plies and equipment.

23                  (viii) Investments to ammunition  
24                  stocks and storage.

1 (ix) Activities and training to enhance  
2 cyber security and electronic warfare capa-  
3 bilities.

4 (x) Bilateral and multilateral training  
5 and exercises.

6 (xi) New and existing cost-sharing  
7 mechanisms with United States and  
8 NATO allies to reduce financial burden.

9 (2) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the  
10 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of  
11 Defense shall submit to the congressional defense  
12 committees a report that includes each of the fol-  
13 lowing:

14 (A) A report on the findings of the assess-  
15 ment conducted pursuant to subsection (a).

16 (B) A list of any recommendations result-  
17 ing from such assessment.

18 (C) An assessment of the resource require-  
19 ments to achieve the objectives described in  
20 subsection (a)(1) with respect to the national  
21 defense capability of Baltic countries, including  
22 potential investments by host countries.

23 (D) A plan for the United States to use  
24 appropriate security cooperation authorities or  
25 other authorities to—

1 (i) facilitate relevant recommendations  
2 included in the list described in paragraph  
3 (2);

4 (ii) expand joint training between the  
5 Armed Forces and the military of Lith-  
6 uania, Latvia, or Estonia, including with  
7 the participation of other NATO allies; and

8 (iii) support United States foreign  
9 military sales and other equipment trans-  
10 fers to Baltic countries especially for the  
11 activities described in subparagraphs (A)  
12 through (I) of subsection (a)(2).

13 (d) CONGRESSIONAL DEFENSE COMMITTEES DE-  
14 FINED.—For purposes of this section, the term “congres-  
15 sional defense committees” includes—

16 (1) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the  
17 House of Representatives; and

18 (2) the Committee on Foreign Relations of the  
19 Senate.

