

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 118-

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At the end of subtitle A of title X, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 10__ . BUDGETARY REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO**
2 **PASS-THROUGH ITEMS FOR MILITARY DE-**
3 **PARTMENTS.**

4 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
5 gress that—

6 (1) transparency in budgeting is critical to a
7 functioning republic and to proper monetary deci-
8 sion-making;

9 (2) the reporting of budgetary pass-through
10 items in the top line of a military department ob-
11 scures the actual distribution of funds between mili-
12 tary departments;

13 (3) between 2002 and 2021, the Army and
14 Navy received \$1,300,000,000,000 and
15 \$914,000,000,000, respectively, more than the Air
16 Force when pass-through items are removed, an im-
17 balance exacerbated by the artificial inflation of the
18 Air Force's top line by over \$40,000,000,000 per

1 year from the inclusion of pass-through items that
2 have detrimentally and disproportionately impacted
3 the Air Force's ability to organize, train, and equip
4 its forces for a high-end conflict against a strategic
5 competitor;

6 (4) strategic competition with China neces-
7 sitates decision-making informed by a clear and ac-
8 curate understanding regarding military department
9 funding; and

10 (5) removal of military service pass-through
11 from reported department top lines would enable a
12 clear and more accurate view of military department
13 funding.

14 (b) REQUIREMENTS FOR PRESIDENT'S BUDGET.—In
15 any budget of the President submitted to Congress pursu-
16 ant to section 1105(a) of title 31, United States Code,
17 for a fiscal year after fiscal year 2024—

18 (1) funds for an Army, Navy, or Air Force
19 pass-through item may not be presented or briefed
20 in the budgetary top line of a military department;

21 (2) pass-through items for the military depart-
22 ments may be presented as part of the Defense-wide
23 top line of the Department of Defense or as a stand-
24 alone budgetary component; and

1 (3) individual pass-through items need not be
2 removed from the budget of a military department
3 for accounting and fiscal operations but must not be
4 included and presented as part of the reporting of
5 the top line for the military department.

6 (c) PASS-THROUGH ITEM DEFINED.—In this section,
7 the term “pass-through item” with respect to a military
8 department means a program, project, or activity for
9 which—

10 (1) funds are requested for the military depart-
11 ment; and

12 (2) funds made available for execution will be
13 executed by another department, agency, or element
14 of the Department of Defense.

