

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 116-

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

1 **SEC. 17___ . COMPTROLLER GENERAL REPORT ON DEPART-**
2 **MENT OF DEFENSE PROCESSES FOR RE-**
3 **SPONDING TO CONGRESSIONAL REPORTING**
4 **REQUIREMENTS.**

5 (a) COMPTROLLER GENERAL ANALYSIS.—Not later
6 than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act,
7 the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit
8 to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and
9 House of Representatives a report containing an analysis
10 of Department of Defense processes for responding to con-
11 gressional reporting requirements in the annual National
12 Defense Authorization Acts, or the accompanying com-
13 mittee reports.

14 (b) CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION.—The analysis re-
15 quired under subsection (a) shall include an evaluation of
16 funding and changes to policies and business practices by
17 the Department for improving the effectiveness, efficiency,

1 and public transparency of the Department's compliance
2 with congressional reporting requirements.

3 (c) CONTENTS OF REPORT.—The report required by
4 subsection (a) shall include each of the following:

5 (1) A description of—

6 (A) current laws, guidance, policies for De-
7 partment of Defense compliance with congres-
8 sional oversight reporting requirements; and

9 (B) recent direction from the congressional
10 defense committees for the Department con-
11 cerning how it designs, modifies, tracks, deliv-
12 ers, and inventories completed reports.

13 (2) A review and evaluation of the cost and ef-
14 fectiveness of—

15 (A) the methods the Department of De-
16 fense uses to track and respond to reporting re-
17 quirements; and

18 (B) the ways in which the Department of
19 Defense ensures suitability of content and time-
20 liness.

21 (3) An analysis of options for modernizing the
22 preparation and delivery process for reports that in-
23 cludes—

1 (A) the coordination of Department of De-
2 fense business practices and internal policies
3 with legislative processes; and

4 (B) a determination of the feasibility of
5 maintaining a congressional tracking database
6 that makes unclassified reports publicly avail-
7 able in a searchable online database that identi-
8 fies, for each report included in the database—

9 (i) the deadline on which the required
10 report was required to be submitted;

11 (ii) the date on which the report was
12 received;

13 (iii) the classification level of the com-
14 pleted report;

15 (iv) the form in which the report was
16 submitted;

17 (v) the standard legislative citation
18 and hyperlink to original legislative lan-
19 guage that required the report;

20 (vi) the total cost associated with the
21 report;

22 (vii) a brief summary of the report;

23 (viii) a unique identifier for the re-
24 port; and

- 1 (ix) the subject and sub-subject codes
- 2 associated with the report.

