

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 117-

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

1 **SEC. 10__ . REPORT ON DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE MILI-**
2 **TARY CAPABILITIES IN THE CARIBBEAN.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year after the
4 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of De-
5 fense, in consultation with the Secretary of State and the
6 Secretary of Homeland Security, shall submit to the Com-
7 mittees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of
8 Representatives a report on United States military capa-
9 bilities in the Caribbean basin, particularly in and around
10 Puerto Rico and the United States Virgin Islands.

11 (b) ELEMENTS.—The report required by subsection
12 (a) shall include the following:

13 (1) An assessment of the value, feasibility, and
14 cost of increasing United States military capabilities
15 in the Caribbean basin, particularly in and around
16 Puerto Rico and the United States Virgin Islands,
17 to—

1 (A) combat transnational criminal organi-
2 zations and illicit narcotics and weapons traf-
3 ficking in the Caribbean basin, particularly in
4 and around Puerto Rico and the United States
5 Virgin Islands;

6 (B) improve surveillance capabilities and
7 maximize the effectiveness of counter-traf-
8 ficking operations in the Caribbean region;

9 (C) ensure, to the greatest extent possible,
10 that United States Northern Command and
11 United States Southern Command have the
12 necessary assets to support and increase meas-
13 ures to detect, interdict, disrupt, or curtail il-
14 licit narcotics and weapons trafficking activities
15 within their respective areas of operations in
16 the Caribbean basin;

17 (D) respond to malign influences of foreign
18 governments, particularly including non-market
19 economies, in the Caribbean basin that harm
20 United States national security and regional se-
21 curity interests in the Caribbean basin and in
22 the Western Hemisphere;

23 (E) increase supply chain resiliency and
24 near-shoring in global trade; and

1 (F) strengthen the ability of the security
2 sector to respond to, and become more resilient
3 in the face of, major disasters, including to en-
4 sure critical infrastructure and ports can come
5 back online rapidly following disasters.

6 (2) An assessment of United States military
7 force posture in the Caribbean basin, particularly in
8 and around Puerto Rico and the United States Vir-
9 gin Islands, and relevant locations in the Caribbean
10 basin.

11 (c) FORM OF REPORT.—The report required under
12 subsection (a) shall be submitted in unclassified form
13 without any designation relating to dissemination control,
14 but may include a classified annex.

