AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
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At the appropriate place in subtitle B of title XII, insert the following:

SEC. __. REPORT ON UNITED STATES COUNTERTERRORISM

STRATEGY TO DISRUPT, DISMANTLE, AND DEFEAT AL-QAEDA, ITS AFFILIATED GROUPS, ASSOCIATED GROUPS, AND ADHERENTS.

(a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) al-Qaeda, its affiliated groups, associated groups, and adherents, continue to pose a significant threat to United States national security interests;

(2) al-Qaeda is a complex and adaptive organization that has evolved over time to become more resilient and less hierarchical; and

(3) al-Qaeda has replenished its leadership ranks following the death or capture of senior leaders who were active in the organization as of September 11, 2001.

(b) REPORT.—
(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the President shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a comprehensive report on the United States counterterrorism strategy to disrupt, dismantle, and defeat al-Qaeda, its affiliated groups, associated groups, and adherents.

(2) COORDINATION.—The report required by paragraph (1) shall be prepared by the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretary of State, the Secretary of the Treasury, the Attorney General, and the Director of National Intelligence, and any other department or agency of the United States Government that has lead responsibility for activities directed at combating al-Qaeda, its affiliated groups, associated groups, and adherents.

(3) ELEMENTS.—The report required by paragraph (1) shall include the following:

(A) The Administration’s definition of—

(i) al-Qaeda core, including a list of which known individuals constitute al-Qaeda core;

(ii) an affiliated group of al-Qaeda, including a list of which known groups constitute an affiliate group of al-Qaeda;
(iii) an associated group of al-Qaeda, including a list of which known groups constitute an associated group of al-Qaeda;

(iv) an adherent of al-Qaeda, including a list of which known groups constitute an adherent of al-Qaeda; and

(v) a group aligned with al-Qaeda, including a description of what actions a group takes or statements it makes that qualify it as a group aligned with al-Qaeda.

(B) The Administration’s assessment of the relationship between all identified al-Qaeda affiliated groups, associated groups, and adherents with al-Qaeda core.

(C) The Administration’s assessment of the strengthening or weakening of al-Qaeda, its affiliated groups, associated groups, and adherents, from January 1, 2010, to the present, including a description of the metrics that are used to assess strengthening or weakening and an assessment of the relative increase or decrease in violent attacks attributed to such entities.

(D) The Administration’s assessment of whether or not an individual can be a member
of al-Qaeda core if such individual is not located in Afghanistan or Pakistan.

(E) The Administration’s assessment of whether or not an individual can be a member of al-Qaeda core as well as a member of an al-Qaeda affiliated group, associated group, or adherent.

(F) The Administration’s definition of defeat of core al-Qaeda.

(G) The Administration’s assessment of the extent or coordination, command, and control between core al-Qaeda, its affiliated groups, associated groups, and adherents, specifically addressing each such entity.

(H) The Administration’s assessment of the effectiveness of armed unmanned aerial vehicle strikes against core al-Qaeda, its affiliated groups, associated groups, and adherents, and whether or not this attrition has had a sustained impact on the capabilities and effectiveness of core al-Qaeda, its affiliated groups, associated groups, and adherents.

(4) FORM.—The report required by paragraph (1) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may include a classified annex.
(c) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS DEFINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate committees of Congress” means—

(1) the congressional defense committees;

(2) the Committee on Foreign Relations and the Select Committee on Intelligence of the Senate; and

(3) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence of the House of Representatives.