

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT**  
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In title LX, add at the end the following:

1 **SEC. 6013. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON THE USE OF THE DE-**  
2 **FENSE PRODUCTION ACT OF 1950 FOR GLOB-**  
3 **AL VACCINE PRODUCTION.**

4 (a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds the following:

5 (1) As President Biden has stated, “We know  
6 America will never be fully safe until the pandemic  
7 that is raging globally is under control. No ocean is  
8 wide enough, no wall is high enough to keep us  
9 safe.”.

10 (2) More than 600,000 Americans have already  
11 died from COVID-19. Already, more Americans have  
12 died from COVID-19 than from World War I, World  
13 War II, the Vietnam War, and 9/11 combined. The  
14 continued replication of SARS-CoV-2 abroad in-  
15 creases the likelihood of a harmful mutation that  
16 renders current vaccines ineffective. A new variant  
17 could be more transmissible and cause more severe  
18 disease, posing a higher risk to the millions of Amer-

1       icans who have not been vaccinated, like the Delta  
2       variant.

3           (3) Approximately 11 billion doses are needed  
4       to vaccinate the world's population, but to date, the  
5       US government has donated just 40 million doses.  
6       More recent promises by the G7 would only deliver  
7       an additional one billion doses by the end of 2022.

8           (4) Sharing manufacturing know-how and ex-  
9       pertise is critical to quickly ramping up production.  
10       Expanding the world's manufacturing capacity is  
11       critical because donations and bilateral agreements  
12       to increase vaccine doses in low- and middle-income  
13       countries cannot quickly meet the global demand.

14          (5) The U.S. Government, as the largest  
15       coronavirus research and development funder in the  
16       world, is uniquely positioned to push companies to  
17       share the knowledge required to end the pandemic.

18          (6) Manufacturers around the world have af-  
19       firmed that they can help ramp up production if  
20       they have access to technology. According to the  
21       World Health Organization, 19 manufacturers from  
22       more than a dozen countries in Africa, Asia, and  
23       Latin America have expressed interest in ramping  
24       up mRNA vaccine production. The Biden adminis-  
25       tration has also urged companies to share tech-

1 nology. But vaccine originator corporations have  
2 been reluctant to share technology.

3 (7) The Defense Production Act of 1950 pro-  
4 vides the President with broad authority to support  
5 the nation’s defense. The Defense Production Act of  
6 1950’s definition of “national defense” includes  
7 “military or critical infrastructure assistance to any  
8 foreign nation”.

9 (8) The Defense Production Act of 1950 em-  
10 powers the President to directly “allocate materials,  
11 services, and facilities” to promote national defense  
12 needs. The Act defines “materials” to include “any  
13 technical information or services ancillary to the use  
14 of any such materials”.

15 (9) The Defense Production Act of 1950 has  
16 been used repeatedly to prioritize contracts and or-  
17 ders from U.S. companies to foreign nations.

18 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-  
19 gress that the President should make full use of the Presi-  
20 dent’s authority under the Defense Production Act of  
21 1950 to scale vaccine production and deployment globally,  
22 which will save millions of lives and protect Americans  
23 from the risk of emerging viral threats.

