

AMENDMENT TO
RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 118–10
OFFERED BY MR. GALLAGHER OF WISCONSIN

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

1 **SEC. 10__ . REPORT ON NATIONAL SECURITY THREATS TO**
2 **STRATEGIC PORTS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the
4 date of the enactment of this Act, a federally funded re-
5 search and development center, commissioned by the Of-
6 fice of the Secretary of Defense, shall provide a written,
7 unclassified report (with a classified appendix if nec-
8 essary) to the appropriate congressional committees iden-
9 tifying—

10 (1) a list of strategic ports as determined using
11 the results from section 1259 of the James M.
12 Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fis-
13 cal Year 2023 (Public Law 117–263);

14 (2) activities as well as plans executed by ma-
15 lign actors to expand overseas control of strategic
16 ports and how their presence could potentially harm
17 United States security interests and the interests of
18 our allies and partners; and

1 (3) steps the United States Government should
2 take to ensure open access and security for strategic
3 ports.

4 (b) CONTENTS.—The report required under sub-
5 section (a) shall include, but is not limited to, the fol-
6 lowing:

7 (1) A detailed list of all known strategic ports
8 operated, controlled, or owned by the PRC (includ-
9 ing minority stakes), and the national security and
10 economic interests relevant to each strategic port.

11 (2) A detailed list of all strategic ports outside
12 the United States and the national security and eco-
13 nomic interests relevant to each strategic port.

14 (3) Analysis of the PRC's activities and actions
15 to gain control or ownership of strategic ports, and,
16 if appropriate, how the strategic port connects to
17 other transportation infrastructure in furtherance of
18 broader PRC objectives, including those related to
19 the PRC's Belt and Road Initiative.

20 (4) An assessment of how the PRC plans to ex-
21 pand its overseas control of strategic ports.

22 (5) A suggested strategy, developed in consulta-
23 tion with relevant United States Government offices,
24 that suggests courses of action to deny or challenge

1 PRC control and to ensure open access and security
2 for strategic ports, including—

3 (A) a list of relevant existing authorities
4 that can be used to carry out the stated strat-
5 egy; and

6 (B) a list of any additional authorities nec-
7 essary to carry out the stated strategy.

8 (c) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—Section 6526 of
9 the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act
10 for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117–263) is amended
11 in subsection (b) by inserting “and annually thereafter for
12 a period not to exceed 4 years,” after “of this Act,”.

13 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

14 (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
15 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-
16 mittees” means—

17 (A) the Committee on Armed Services of
18 the Senate;

19 (B) the Committee on Armed Services of
20 the House of Representatives;

21 (C) the Committee on Foreign Relations of
22 the Senate; and

23 (D) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of
24 the House of Representatives.

1 (2) PRC.—The term “PRC” means the Peo-
2 ple’s Republic of China.

3 (3) RELEVANT UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
4 OFFICE.—The term “relevant United States Govern-
5 ment office” means the following:

6 (A) The Unified Combatant Commands.

7 (B) The Office of the Secretary of De-
8 fense.

9 (C) The Department of State.

10 (D) The International Development Fi-
11 nance Corporation.

12 (E) The Export-Import Bank of the
13 United States.

14 (4) STRATEGIC PORT.—The term “strategic
15 port” means an international port or waterway that
16 a relevant United States Government office deter-
17 mines to be critical to United States national secu-
18 rity and economic prosperity.

