

AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
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At the end of subtitle B of title V, add the following:

1 **SEC. 5___ . FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A UNIT OF THE**
2 **NATIONAL GUARD IN AMERICAN SAMOA AND**
3 **IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN**
4 **MARIANA ISLANDS.**

5 (a) DETERMINATION REQUIRED.—The Secretary of
6 Defense shall determine the feasibility of establishing—

7 (1) a unit of the National Guard in American
8 Samoa; and

9 (2) a unit of the National Guard in the Com-
10 monwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

11 (b) FORCE STRUCTURE ELEMENTS.—In making the
12 feasibility determination under subsection (a), the Sec-
13 retary of Defense shall consider the following:

14 (1) The allocation of National Guard force
15 structure and manpower to American Samoa and
16 the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
17 in the event of the establishment of a unit of the
18 National Guard in American Samoa and in the

1 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands,
2 and the impact of this allocation on existing Na-
3 tional Guard units in the 50 States, the Common-
4 wealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam,
5 and the District of Columbia.

6 (2) The Federal funding that would be required
7 to support pay, benefits, training operations, and
8 missions of members of a unit of the National Guard
9 in American Samoa and the Commonwealth of the
10 Northern Mariana Islands, based on the allocation
11 derived from paragraph (1), and the equipment, in-
12 cluding maintenance, required to support such force
13 structure.

14 (3) The presence of existing infrastructure to
15 support a unit of the National Guard in American
16 Samoa and the Commonwealth of the Northern
17 Mariana Islands, and the requirement for additional
18 infrastructure, including information technology in-
19 frastructure, to support such force structure, based
20 on the allocation derived from paragraph (1).

21 (4) How a unit of the National Guard in Amer-
22 ican Samoa and the Commonwealth of the Northern
23 Mariana Island would accommodate the National
24 Guard Bureau's "Essential Ten" homeland defense
25 capabilities (i.e., aviation, engineering, civil support

1 teams, security, medical, transportation, mainte-
2 nance, logistics, joint force headquarters, and com-
3 munications) and reflect regional needs.

4 (5) The manpower cadre, both military per-
5 sonnel and fulltime support, including National
6 Guard technicians, required to establish, maintain,
7 and sustain a unit of the National Guard in Amer-
8 ican Samoa and the Commonwealth of the Northern
9 Mariana Islands, and the ability of American Samoa
10 and of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana
11 Islands to support demographically a unit of the Na-
12 tional Guard at each location.

13 (6) The ability of a unit of the National Guard
14 in American Samoa and the Commonwealth of the
15 Northern Mariana Islands to maintain unit readi-
16 ness and the logistical challenges associated with
17 transportation, communications, supply/ resupply,
18 and training operations and missions.

19 (c) SUBMISSION OF CONCLUSION.—Not later than
20 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
21 Secretary of Defense shall notify the congressional defense
22 committees of the results of the feasibility determination
23 made under subsection (a). If the Secretary determines
24 that establishment of a unit of the National Guard in
25 American Samoa or the Commonwealth of the Northern

1 Mariana Islands (or both) is feasible, the Secretary shall
2 include in the notification the following:

3 (1) A determination of whether the executive
4 branch of American Samoa and of the Common-
5 wealth of the Northern Mariana Islands has enacted
6 and implemented statutory authorization for an or-
7 ganized militia as a prerequisite for establishing a
8 unit of the National Guard, and a description of any
9 other steps that such executive branches must take
10 to request and carry out the establishment of a Na-
11 tional Guard unit.

12 (2) A list of any amendments to titles 10, 32,
13 and 37, United States Code, that would have to be
14 enacted by Congress to provide for the establishment
15 of a unit of the National Guard in American Samoa
16 and in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana
17 Islands.

18 (3) A description of any required Department
19 of Defense actions to establish a unit of the National
20 Guard in American Samoa and in the Common-
21 wealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

22 (4) A suggested timeline for completion of the
23 steps and actions described in the preceding para-
24 graphs.

