

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 117-

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At the end of title LVIII, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 58___ . AD-HOC COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH SECURITY.**

2 Section 1746(b) of the National Defense Authoriza-
3 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (Public Law 116-92; 42
4 U.S.C. 6601 note) is amended—

5 (1) in paragraph (3)(B), by striking “involving
6 federally funded research and development” and in-
7 serting “facing the United States research enter-
8 prise”;

9 (2) by redesignating paragraph (5) as para-
10 graph (6);

11 (3) by inserting after paragraph (4) the fol-
12 lowing new paragraph:

13 “(5) AD-HOC COMMITTEE.—

14 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The roundtable shall
15 convene an ad-hoc committee to study and
16 make recommendations on research security
17 issues consistent with paragraph (3).

1 “(B) STUDY AND REPORT.—Not later than
2 180 days after the first meeting of the ad-hoc
3 committee convened under subparagraph (A),
4 such committee shall—

5 “(i) complete a fast-track consensus
6 study on the feasibility of establishing an
7 independent, non-profit entity (referred to
8 in this paragraph as the ‘entity’) to further
9 protect the United States research enter-
10 prise against foreign interference, theft,
11 and espionage; and

12 “(ii) submit to the relevant commit-
13 tees a report on the results of the study.

14 “(C) ELEMENTS.—The report required
15 under subparagraph (B)(ii) shall include anal-
16 ysis and recommendations with respect to each
17 of the following:

18 “(i) The organizational structure of
19 the entity.

20 “(ii) The appropriate relationship be-
21 tween the entity and the Federal govern-
22 ment, including the interagency working
23 group established under subsection (a).

1 “(iii) The appropriate level of finan-
2 cial resources needed to establish the enti-
3 ty.

4 “(iv) A self-sustaining funding model
5 for the entity.

6 “(v) Whether and how the entity
7 can—

8 “(I) enable informed, proactive,
9 and unbiased risk assessment for and
10 by the United States research enter-
11 prise;

12 “(II) in coordination with the
13 interagency working group established
14 under subsection (a), the Federal
15 agencies that comprise the working
16 group, and the roundtable under this
17 subsection, promote actionable and
18 timely information sharing among the
19 United States research enterprise
20 about foreign interference, theft, and
21 espionage of research and develop-
22 ment;

23 “(III) provide non-punitive, non-
24 legally binding advice to the United
25 States research enterprise, including

1 frontline researchers, about foreign in-
2 ference, theft, and espionage including
3 advice with respect to risks associated
4 with international partnerships and
5 foreign talent recruitment programs;

6 “(IV) secure the trust and active
7 participation of the United States re-
8 search enterprise;

9 “(V) regularly conduct open-
10 source intelligence analysis to provide
11 actionable and timely unclassified in-
12 formation to the United States re-
13 search enterprise about foreign inter-
14 ference, theft, and espionage, includ-
15 ing analysis to be tailored specifically
16 for the purpose of assisting frontline
17 researchers in making security-in-
18 formed decisions; and

19 “(VI) offer products and services
20 to the United States research enter-
21 prise to help inform research security
22 efforts such as analyses of global re-
23 search and development trends, advice
24 regarding intellectual property pro-
25 duction and protection, market anal-

1 yses, and risk assessment for day-to-
2 day activities such as collaboration,
3 travel, and hiring.

4 “(vi) Such other information and rec-
5 ommendations as the committee considers
6 necessary to ensure that the entity oper-
7 ates effectively.”; and

8 (4) in paragraph (6), as so redesignated, by
9 striking “2024” and inserting “2025”.

