

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT**

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**OFFERED BY MR. ROSE OF TENNESSEE**

In subtitle B of title XVII, add at the end the following:

1 **SEC. 17\_\_\_. REPORT ON THE IMPORTANCE OF THE DOMES-**  
2 **TIC HARDWOOD INDUSTRY.**

3 (a) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 1 year after  
4 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agri-  
5 culture, in coordination with the United States Trade Rep-  
6 resentative, shall submit to the Committee on Agriculture  
7 of the House of Representatives and the Committee on  
8 Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate a re-  
9 port assessing—

10 (1) the importance of the domestic hardwood  
11 industry to supply chain resilience and the func-  
12 tioning of freight transportation networks and rail  
13 infrastructure;

14 (2) current and emerging threats to the long-  
15 term viability of domestic hardwood production and  
16 processing capacity, including foreign trade barriers,  
17 retaliatory tariffs, non-tariff barriers, workforce  
18 shortages, transportation constraints, declining do-

1       mestic demand, and declining export opportunities;  
2       and

3               (3) opportunities for the Federal Government to  
4       preserve, strengthen, and expand domestic hardwood  
5       production capacity.

6       (b) ELEMENTS.—The report required under sub-  
7       section (a) shall include—

8               (1) an assessment of the impacts of foreign  
9       trade barriers, retaliatory tariffs, and non-tariff bar-  
10      riers on the long-term viability of domestic hardwood  
11      production capacity, especially as these impacts af-  
12      fect the U.S. supply chain;

13              (2) an assessment of the effects of the Euro-  
14      pean Union Deforestation Regulation and other for-  
15      eign regulatory regimes on the competitiveness and  
16      export opportunities of United States hardwood pro-  
17      ducers;

18              (3) an assessment of workforce, transportation,  
19      infrastructure, and market-access challenges affect-  
20      ing the domestic hardwood industry; and

21              (4) an assessment of trends in domestic hard-  
22      wood consumption, export markets, and processing.

