

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 118-

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OFFERED BY MS. SALAZAR OF FLORIDA

At the end of subtitle D of title III, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 3__.** **STUDY ON USE AND PRESENCE OF TOXIC**
2 **CHEMICALS IN PANAMA CANAL ZONE.**

3 (a) **STUDY REQUIRED.**—Not later than December 31,
4 2025, the Armed Forces Pest Management Board shall
5 conduct a study on the use and presence of herbicide
6 agents and toxic chemicals by the Department in the Pan-
7 ama Canal Zone during the period beginning on January
8 1, 1958, and ending on December 31, 1999.

9 (b) **ELEMENTS.**—The study conducted under sub-
10 section (a) shall include the following:

11 (1) An assessment to determine the degree to
12 which herbicide agents, including those known as
13 “rainbow herbicides”, and other toxic chemicals were
14 used, tested, stored, or otherwise dispensed within
15 the Panama Canal Zone while members of the
16 United States Armed Forces were stationed there.

17 (2) An assessment of how many members of the
18 United States Armed Forces may have been affected

1 by the usage of herbicide agents and other toxic
2 chemicals.

3 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 (1) The term “herbicide agent” means a chem-
5 ical in an herbicide.

6 (2) The term “rainbow herbicide” means herbi-
7 cides known as Agent Pink, Agent Purple, Agent
8 Blue, Agent Green, Agent White, and Agent Orange.

9 (3) The term “toxic chemicals” means per-
10 sistent organic pollutants, as defined by the Envi-
11 ronmental Protection Agency.

