

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 117–13
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At the end of subtitle A of title XIII, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 13 ____ . FUNDING FOR THE NATO STRATEGIC COMMU-**
2 **NICATIONS CENTER OF EXCELLENCE.**

3 (a) INCREASE.—Notwithstanding the amounts set
4 forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount au-
5 thorized to be appropriated by section 4301 for Operating
6 Forces, Special Operations Command Theatre Forces, line
7 110, as specified in the corresponding the corresponding
8 funding tables in division D, for the NATO Strategic
9 Communication Center of Excellence is hereby increased
10 by \$5,000,000, to be made available for the purposes de-
11 scribed in subsection (c).

12 (b) OFFSET.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth
13 in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized
14 to be appropriated in section 301 for operation and main-
15 tenance, Space Force, as specified in the corresponding
16 funding table in section 4301, for Contractor Logistics
17 and System Support is hereby reduced by \$5,000,000.

18 (c) PURPOSES.—The Secretary of Defense shall pro-
19 vide funds for the NATO Strategic Communications Cen-

1 ter of Excellence (in this section referred to as the “Cen-
2 ter”) to—

3 (1) enhance the capability, cooperation, and in-
4 formation sharing among NATO, NATO member
5 countries, and partners, with respect to strategic
6 communications and information operations; and

7 (2) facilitate education, research and develop-
8 ment, lessons learned, and consultation in strategic
9 communications and information operations.

10 (d) CERTIFICATION.—Not later than 180 days after
11 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
12 Defense shall certify to the Committees on Armed Services
13 of the House of Representatives and the Senate that the
14 Secretary has assigned executive agent responsibility for
15 the Center to an appropriate organization within the De-
16 partment of Defense, and detail the steps being under-
17 taken to strengthen the role of Center in fostering stra-
18 tegic communications and information operations within
19 NATO.

20 (e) BRIEFING REQUIREMENT.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense
22 shall brief the recipients listed in paragraph (2) not
23 less than twice each year on the efforts of the De-
24 partment of Defense to strengthen the role of the

1 Center in fostering strategic communications and in-
2 formation operations within NATO.

3 (2) RECIPIENTS.—The recipients listed in this
4 paragraph are the following:

5 (A) The Committee on Armed Services and
6 the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House
7 of Representatives.

8 (B) The Committee on Armed Services and
9 the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Sen-
10 ate.

11 (C) Each member of the United States del-
12 egation to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly.

13 (3) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the
14 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
15 Defense shall submit to the Committees on Armed
16 Services of the House of Representatives and the
17 Senate a report on the matter described in para-
18 graph (1).

