

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 118–36
OFFERED BY MR. SCHIFF OF CALIFORNIA

At the end of subtitle C of title XVII, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 17 ____ . GAO STUDY ON THE DANIEL PEARL FREEDOM**
2 **OF THE PRESS ACT OF 2009.**

3 (a) STUDY.—The Comptroller General of the United
4 States shall evaluate the implementation of the Daniel
5 Pearl Freedom of the Press Act of 2009 (Public Law 111–
6 166) by—

7 (1) assessing the effects of including the infor-
8 mation described in section 116(d)(12) of the For-
9 eign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C.
10 2151n(d)(12)) in the annual Country Reports on
11 Human Rights Practices; and

12 (2) determining how reporting on instances of
13 governmental suppression of free press abroad and
14 inaction in addressing press freedom violations has
15 changed since the enactment of the Daniel Pearl
16 Freedom of the Press Act of 2009.

17 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
18 of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General shall

1 submit to Congress and to the Secretary of State a report
2 that—

3 (1) summarizes the results of the study re-
4 quired under subsection (a); and

5 (2) provides recommendations for any legisla-
6 tive or regulatory action that would improve the ef-
7 forts of the Department of State to report on issues
8 of press freedom abroad.

