

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 119-33
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At the end of subtitle A of title XVII, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 17 ____ . ARCTIC REGION DIPLOMACY POLICY.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State, in con-
3 sultation with the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of
4 the department in which the Coast Guard is operating,
5 and the heads of any other relevant Federal agencies, act-
6 ing through the U.S. Coordinator for the Arctic Region,
7 shall submit to the congressional defense committees, the
8 Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Committee on
9 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Rep-
10 resentatives, and the Committee on Foreign Relations and
11 the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
12 of the Senate an Arctic Region Diplomacy Policy. Such
13 policy shall assess, develop, budget for, and implement
14 plans, policies, and actions relating to the following:

15 (1) Bolstering the diplomatic presence of the
16 United States in Arctic countries, including through
17 enhancements to diplomatic missions and facilities,
18 participation in regional and bilateral dialogues re-
19 lated to Arctic security, and coordination of United

1 States initiatives and assistance programs across
2 agencies to protect the national security of the
3 United States and its allies and partners.

4 (2) Enhancing the resilience capacities of Arctic
5 countries to the effects of environmental change and
6 increased civilian and military activity by Arctic
7 countries and other countries that may result from
8 increased accessibility of the Arctic region.

9 (3) Assessing specific added risks to the Arctic
10 region and Arctic countries that—

11 (A) are vulnerable to the changing Arctic
12 environment; and

13 (B) are strategically significant to the
14 United States.

15 (4) Coordinating the integration of environ-
16 mental change and national security risk and vulner-
17 ability assessments into the decision making process
18 on foreign assistance awards with Greenland.

19 (5) Advancing principles of good governance by
20 encouraging and cooperating with Arctic states on
21 collaborative approaches to—

22 (A) responsibly manage natural resources
23 in the Arctic region;

24 (B) share the burden of ensuring maritime
25 safety in the Arctic region;

1 (C) prevent the escalation of security ten-
2 sions by mitigating against the militarization of
3 the Arctic region;

4 (D) develop mutually agreed upon multilat-
5 eral policies among Arctic countries on the
6 management of maritime transit routes through
7 the Arctic region and work cooperatively on the
8 transit policies for access to and transit in the
9 Arctic region by non-Arctic countries; and

10 (E) facilitate the development of Arctic Re-
11 gion Diplomacy Action Plans to ensure stability
12 and public safety in disaster situations in a hu-
13 mane and responsible fashion.

14 (6) Evaluating the vulnerability, security, sur-
15 vivability, and resiliency of United States interests
16 and non-defense assets in the Arctic region.

17 (7) Reducing black carbon and methane emis-
18 sions in the Arctic region.

19 (b) FORM.—The Arctic Region Diplomacy Policy re-
20 quired under subsection (a) shall be submitted in unclassi-
21 fied form but may contain a classified annex. Such unclas-
22 sified form shall be posted on an appropriate publicly
23 available website of the Department of State.

