

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 116-

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Page 1115, after line 5, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 1762. STUDY ON VIABILITY OF SEAWATER MINING FOR**
2 **CRITICAL MINERALS.**

3 (a) FINDING.—The Congress finds that—

4 (1) extracting minerals from seawater has the
5 potential to provide a domestic source for minerals
6 that are critical to the defense industrial base of the
7 United States, which would reduce the dependence
8 of the United States on imports of the minerals
9 while strengthening the national security and the de-
10 fense industrial base of the United States;

11 (2) the cost of extracting uranium from sea-
12 water has dropped significantly to nearly \$400 per
13 kilogram; and

14 (3) extracting uranium from seawater is an en-
15 vironmentally friendly, emerging technology solution
16 that has the potential to transform how uranium is
17 extracted.

18 (b) STUDY.—Within 60 days after the date of the en-
19 actment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense, in consulta-

1 tion with the head of any other relevant Federal agency
2 and relevant stakeholders, shall conduct a study of the via-
3 bility of extracting minerals, such as uranium, that are
4 critical to the defense industrial base of the United States,
5 from seawater.

6 (c) REPORT.—Within 1 year after the date of the en-
7 actment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit
8 to the Committee on Armed Services and the Committee
9 on Science, Space, and Technology of the House of Rep-
10 resentatives and the Committee on Armed Services and
11 the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the
12 Senate a written report which contains the results of the
13 study required by subsection (b).

