

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 117-**

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**OFFERED BY MR. SCHWEIKERT OF ARIZONA**

Page 824, after line 19, insert the following:

1 **SEC. \_\_\_\_ . STUDY ON VIABILITY OF SEAWATER MINING**

2 **FOR 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; and

11 (2) extracting uranium from seawater is an en-  
12 vironmentally friendly, emerging technology solution  
13 that has the potential to transform how uranium is  
14 extracted.

15 (b) **STUDY.**—Within 60 days after the date of the en-  
16 actment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense, in consulta-  
17 tion with the head of any other relevant Federal agency  
18 and relevant stakeholders, shall conduct a study of the via-  
19 bility of extracting minerals, such as uranium, that are

1 critical to the defense industrial base of the United States,  
2 from seawater.

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

