

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 119-8
OFFERED BY MR. AUSTIN SCOTT OF GEORGIA

At the end of subtitle A of title XIII, add the following:

1 SEC. 13__ . BALTIC SECURITY INITIATIVE.

2 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Pursuant to the authority
3 provided in chapter 16 of title 10, United States Code,
4 the Secretary of Defense shall establish and carry out an
5 initiative, to be known as the “Baltic Security Initiative”
6 (in this section referred to as the “Initiative”), for the
7 purpose of deepening security cooperation with the mili-
8 tary forces of the Baltic countries.

9 (b) RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING AUTHORITIES.—
10 The Initiative required by subsection (a) shall be carried
11 out pursuant to the authorities provided in title 10, United
12 States Code.

13 (c) OBJECTIVES.—The objectives of the Initiative
14 shall be—

15 (1) to achieve United States national security
16 objectives by—

17 (A) deterring aggression by the Russian
18 Federation; and

1 (B) implementing the North Atlantic Trea-
2 ty Organization's new Strategic Concept, which
3 seeks to strengthen the alliance's deterrence
4 and defense posture by denying potential adver-
5 saries any possible opportunities for aggression;

6 (2) to enhance regional planning and coopera-
7 tion among the military forces of the Baltic coun-
8 tries, particularly with respect to long-term regional
9 capability projects, including—

10 (A) long-range precision fire systems and
11 capabilities;

12 (B) integrated air and missile defense;

13 (C) maritime domain awareness;

14 (D) land forces development, including
15 stockpiling large caliber ammunition;

16 (E) command, control, communications,
17 computers, intelligence, surveillance, and recon-
18 naissance;

19 (F) special operations forces development;

20 (G) coordination with and security en-
21 hancements for Poland, which is a neighboring
22 North Atlantic Treaty Organization ally; and

23 (H) other military capabilities, as deter-
24 mined by the Secretary of Defense; and

1 (3) with respect to the military forces of the
2 Baltic countries, to improve cyber defenses and resil-
3 ience to hybrid threats.

4 (d) STRATEGY.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year
6 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
7 retary of Defense shall submit to the Committees on
8 Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Rep-
9 resentatives a report setting forth a strategy for the
10 Department of Defense to achieve the objectives de-
11 scribed in subsection (b).

12 (2) CONSIDERATIONS.—The strategy required
13 by this subsection shall include a consideration of—

14 (A) security assistance programs for the
15 Baltic countries authorized as of the date on
16 which the strategy is submitted;

17 (B) the ongoing security threats to the
18 North Atlantic Treaty Organization’s eastern
19 flank posed by Russian aggression, including as
20 a result of the Russian Federation’s 2022 inva-
21 sion of Ukraine with support from Belarus; and

22 (C) the ongoing security threats to the
23 Baltic countries posed by the presence, coercive
24 economic policies, and other malign activities of
25 the People’s Republic of China.

1 (e) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
2 gress that the Secretary of Defense should seek to require
3 matching funds from each of the Baltic countries that par-
4 ticipate in the Initiative in amounts commensurate with
5 amounts provided by the Department of Defense for the
6 Initiative.

7 (f) BALTIC COUNTRIES DEFINED.—In this section,
8 the term “Baltic countries” means—

- 9 (1) Estonia;
10 (2) Latvia; and
11 (3) Lithuania.

