

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 119-8
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At the end of subtitle D of title XII, add the following:

1 **SEC. 12 ____ . STRENGTHENING SUPPORT FOR ECONOMIC**
2 **AND SECURITY PARTNERSHIPS IN LATIN**
3 **AMERICA TO COUNTER BRICS INFLUENCE.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
5 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of De-
6 fense, in coordination with the Secretary of State, the Sec-
7 retary of Commerce, and the Chief Executive Officer of
8 the International Development Finance Corporation, shall
9 submit to the appropriate congressional committees a
10 strategy to diminish the influence of the Brazil, Russia,
11 India, China, and South Africa economic alignment
12 (BRICS) in Latin America and secure United States stra-
13 tegic interests.

14 (b) CONTENTS.—The strategy described in sub-
15 section (a) shall include the following:

16 (1) Identification of opportunities for economic
17 and security cooperation, led by the Department of
18 Defense, to support United States investment in

1 countries seeking alignment with the United States,
2 including Argentina and Chile.

3 (2) Promoting security partnerships that en-
4 hance economic stability and United States-aligned
5 trade frameworks, supported by Office of Strategic
6 Capital-backed investments in dollar-based financial
7 systems.

8 (3) Identification of opportunities for the acqui-
9 sition or development of strategic infrastructure by
10 private or public entities, including—

11 (A) key ports, transportation hubs, and en-
12 ergy facilities in Argentina, Ecuador, and Chile
13 that enhance United States supply chain secu-
14 rity and reduce BRICS control over regional
15 trade routes;

16 (B) lithium mining and processing facili-
17 ties in the Chile-Argentina-Bolivia triangle, with
18 Office of Strategic Capital assessing investment
19 needs and the International Development Fi-
20 nance Corporation providing financing mecha-
21 nisms, to enable United States or allied entities
22 to acquire or develop these assets; and

23 (C) investment in other critical tech-
24 nologies and infrastructure, prioritizing projects

1 that enhance United States strategic posi-
2 tioning in Latin America.

3 (4) Expansion of Department of Defense secu-
4 rity cooperation programs, including joint exercises
5 and training, to protect acquired infrastructure and
6 build partner capacity.

7 (5) Recommendations for Department of De-
8 fense support, including security assessments, coun-
9 terintelligence, and infrastructure protection to safe-
10 guard acquired assets or critical assets and infra-
11 structure from foreign interference.

12 (c) FORM.—The strategy required under subsection
13 (a) shall be submitted in unclassified form but may include
14 a classified annex.

15 (d) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES
16 DEFINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate con-
17 gressional committees” means—

18 (1) the Committee on Armed Services, the
19 Committee on Foreign Relations, and the Select
20 Committee on Intelligence of the Senate;

21 (2) the Committee on Armed Services, the
22 Committee on Foreign Affairs, and the Permanent
23 Select Committee on Intelligence of the House of
24 Representatives.

