AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 117-13

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Add at the end of title LX of division E the following:

SEC. ______. SUPPORT FOR AFGHAN SPECIAL IMMIGRANT 
VISA AND REFUGEE APPLICANTS.

(a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that the United States should increase support for nationals of Afghanistan who aided the United States mission in Afghanistan during the past twenty years and are now under threat from the Taliban, specifically special immigrant visa applicants who are nationals of Afghanistan and referrals of nationals of Afghanistan to the United States Refugee Admissions Program, including through the Priority 2 Designation for nationals of Afghanistan, who remain in Afghanistan or are in third countries.

(b) REQUIREMENTS.—The Secretary of State, in coordination with the Secretary of Homeland Security and the heads of other relevant Federal departments and agencies, shall—

(1) prioritize for evacuation from Afghanistan bona fide special immigrant visa applicants who are
nationals of Afghanistan and referrals of nationals
of Afghanistan to the United States Refugee Admis-
sions Program, including through the Priority 2
Designation for nationals of Afghanistan;

(2) facilitate the rapid departure of such indi-
viduals from Afghanistan by air charter and land
passage;

(3) provide letters of support, diplomatic notes
and other documentation, as appropriate, to ease
transit of such individuals;

(4) engage governments of relevant countries to
better facilitate evacuation;

(5) disseminate frequent updates to such indi-
viduals and relevant nongovernmental organizations;

(6) identify or establish sufficient locations out-
side of Afghanistan that will accept such individuals
during application processing; and

(7) further surge capacity to better support
such individuals and reduce their application proc-
essing times, while ensuring strict and necessary se-
curity vetting, including, to the extent practicable,

(c) STRATEGY AND REPORTING.—The Secretary of
State, in coordination with the Secretary of Homeland Se-
curity and the heads of other relevant Federal departments and agencies, shall submit to the committees on Foreign Affairs, Judiciary, Homeland Security, and Armed Services of the House of Representatives and the committees on Foreign Relations, Judiciary, Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, and Armed Services of the Senate the following:

(1) Not later than 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, a strategy, with a classified annex if necessary, to safely process nationals of Afghanistan abroad who have pending special immigrant visa applications and refugee referrals, which strategy shall include steps by the United States Government to carry out each of paragraphs (1) through (7) of subsection (b).

(2) Not later than 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, and every month thereafter until December 31, 2022, a report, with a classified annex if necessary, that includes the following:

(A) The number of nationals of Afghanistan—

   (i) referred to the United States Refugee Admissions Program through Priority 1 and Priority 2 referrals, including whether such individuals remain in Afghanistan
or outside Afghanistan, and the number of
refugee applications for such individuals
that are approved, denied, and pending;
and
(ii) who have pending special immi-
grant visa applications who remain in Af-
ghanistan or in a third country,
disaggregated by the special immigrant
visa processing steps completed with re-
spect to such individuals.

(B) Steps taken to implement each element
of the strategy described in paragraph (1).