

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 117-

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

1 **SEC. _____. SUPPORT FOR AFGHAN SPECIAL IMMIGRANT**
2 **VISA AND REFUGEE APPLICANTS .**

3 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
4 gress that the United States should increase support for
5 nationals of Afghanistan who aided the United States mis-
6 sion in Afghanistan during the past twenty years and are
7 now under threat from the Taliban, specifically special im-
8 migrant visa applicants who are nationals of Afghanistan
9 and referrals of nationals of Afghanistan to the United
10 States Refugee Admissions Program, including through
11 the Priority 2 Designation for nationals of Afghanistan,
12 who remain in Afghanistan or are in third countries.

13 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—The Secretary of State, in co-
14 ordination with the Secretary of Homeland Security and
15 the heads of other relevant Federal departments and agen-
16 cies, shall—

17 (1) prioritize for evacuation from Afghanistan
18 bona fide special immigrant visa applicants who are

1 nationals of Afghanistan and referrals of nationals
2 of Afghanistan to the United States Refugee Admis-
3 sions Program, including through the Priority 2
4 Designation for nationals of Afghanistan;

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

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

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

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

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

18 (7) further surge capacity to better support
19 such individuals and reduce their application proc-
20 essing times, while ensuring strict and necessary se-
21 curity vetting, including, to the extent practicable,
22 enabling refugee referrals to initiate application
23 processes while still in Afghanistan.

24 (c) STRATEGY AND REPORTING.—The Secretary of
25 State, in coordination with the Secretary of Homeland Se-

1 curity and the heads of other relevant Federal depart-
2 ments and agencies, shall submit to the committees on
3 Foreign Affairs, Judiciary, Homeland Security, and
4 Armed Services of the House of Representatives and the
5 committees on Foreign Relations, Judiciary, Homeland
6 Security and Governmental Affairs, and Armed Services
7 of the Senate the following:

8 (1) Not later than 60 days after the date of the
9 enactment of this Act, a strategy, with a classified
10 annex if necessary, to safely process nationals of Af-
11 ghanistan abroad who have pending special immi-
12 grant visa applications and refugee referrals, which
13 strategy shall include steps by the United States
14 Government to carry out each of paragraphs (1)
15 through (7) of subsection (b).

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

20 (A) The number of nationals of Afghani-
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22 (i) referred to the United States Ref-
23 ugee Admissions Program through Priority
24 1 and Priority 2 referrals, including wheth-
25 er such individuals remain in Afghanistan

1 or outside Afghanistan, and the number of
2 refugee applications for such individuals
3 that are approved, denied, and pending;
4 and

5 (ii) who have pending special immi-
6 grant visa applications who remain in Af-
7 ghanistan or in a third country,
8 disaggregated by the special immigrant
9 visa processing steps completed with re-
10 spect to such individuals.

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

