AMENDMENT TO
RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 117–33
OFFERED BY MS. SLOTKIN OF MICHIGAN

Strike section 501 and insert the following:

SEC. 501. INTERAGENCY WORKING GROUP ON TOXIC EXPOSURE RESEARCH.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 73 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

“§ 7330D. Interagency working group on toxic exposure research

“(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—(1) The Secretary shall establish the Toxic Exposure Research Working Group (in this section referred to as the ‘Working Group’).

“(2) The Working Group shall consist of employees, selected by the Secretary, of the following:

“(A) The Department.

“(B) The Department of Defense.

“(C) The Department of Health and Human Services.

“(D) The Environmental Protection Agency.

“(E) Other Federal entities involved in research activities regarding the health consequences of toxic
exposures experienced during active military, naval, air, or space service.

“(b) FUNCTIONS.—The Working Group shall perform the following functions:

“(1) Identify collaborative research activities and resources available among entities represented by members of the Working Group to conduct such collaborative research activities.

“(2) Develop a 5-year strategic plan for Federal entities represented in the Working Group to carry out collaborative research activities.

“(c) REPORTING.—The Secretary shall submit, to the Committees on Veterans’ Affairs of the Senate and House of Representatives, the following:

“(1) Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of the Act, a report on the establishment of the Working Group under subsection (a).

“(2) Not later than two years after the date of enactment of the Act, a report containing the collaborative research activities identified, and the Strategic Plan developed, by the Working Group, under subsection (b).

“(3) Annually during the 5-year period covered by the strategic plan under subsection (b), a
progress reports on implementation of the Strategic
Plan under subsection (b).

“(d) TERMINATION.—The Working Group shall termi-
minate after submitting the final report under subsection
(e).

“(e) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section—

“(1) The term ‘Act’ means the Honoring our
Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics Act of
2021.

“(2) The term ‘collaborative research activity’
means a research activity—

“(A) conducted by an entity represented by
a member of the Working Group;

“(B) funded by the Federal Government;

and

“(C) regarding the health consequences of
toxic exposures experienced during active mili-
tary, naval, air, or space service.”.

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
at the beginning of such subchapter is amended by insert-
ing after the item relating to section 7330C the following
new item:

“7330D. Interagency working group on toxic exposure research.”.

(e) IMPLEMENTATION.—The Secretary of Veterans
Affairs shall establish the Working Group under section
7330D of such title, as added by subsection (a), not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act.