

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 118-36
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At the end of subtitle B of title XIII, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 13 ____ . REPORT ON FEASIBILITY OF DEVELOPING AND**
2 **DEPLOYING ASYMMETRIC NAVAL ASSETS IN**
3 **DEFENSE OF TAIWAN.**

4 (a) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
5 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense,
6 in consultation with the heads of other relevant Federal
7 departments and agencies, shall submit a classified report,
8 along with an unclassified summary, to the appropriate
9 congressional committees that contains an assessment
10 of—

11 (1) the feasibility of developing and deploying
12 asymmetric naval assets for a potential defense of
13 Taiwan;

14 (2) whether Taiwan’s ability to deter, or in the
15 alternative confront, a maritime invasion by the Peo-
16 ple’s Republic of China would be enhanced by de-
17 ployment of small, high-speed, long-range (200 or
18 more nautical miles), extreme-weather-capable, re-
19 duced-radar-signature boats with the capacity for

1 launching missiles, addressing subsurface threats or
2 delivering and recovering small troop units to coastal
3 and littoral locations in the vicinity of the Taiwan
4 Strait, and, if so, in what number and in what con-
5 figurations;

6 (3) whether existing and planned Tuo Chiang
7 class catamaran-hulled corvettes are naval assets ca-
8 pable of fully meeting the needs of an effective
9 asymmetric naval defense strategy; and

10 (4) the vulnerability of Taiwan’s existing larger-
11 platform surface naval fleet, including Keelung-class
12 destroyers, Cheung Kung-class frigates, Chi Yang-
13 class frigates, Kang Ding-class frigates.

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

17 (1) the Committee on Armed Services and the
18 Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate; and

19 (2) the Committee on Armed Services and the
20 Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Rep-
21 resentatives.

