

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 117-**

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**OFFERED BY MR. STAUBER OF MINNESOTA**

Add at the end of subtitle E of title VIII the following:

**1 SEC. 8\_\_\_. STUDY ON MINERAL WITHDRAWALS EFFECTS**  
**2 ON FOREIGN RELIANCE.**

**3 (a) IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of Defense shall  
**4** conduct a study on the effects of proposed mineral with-  
**5** draws affecting domestic production of iron and critical  
**6** minerals on the reliance of the defense supply chain on  
**7** China, Russia, and child slave labor to meet the require-  
**8** ments of the defense supply chain for iron and such crit-  
**9** ical minerals.

**10 (b) REPORT.**—Not later than three months after the  
**11** date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense  
**12** shall submit to Congress a report on the findings of the  
**13** study conducted under subsection (a).

**14 (c) DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

**15 (1) CRITICAL MINERALS.**—The term “critical  
**16** minerals” has the meaning given such term in sec-  
**17** tion 7002(a) of the Energy Act of 2020 (30 U.S.C.  
**18** 1606(a)) except that such term shall not exclude

1 materials described in subsection (a)(3)(B)(iii) of  
2 such section.

3 (2) MINERAL WITHDRAWALS.—The term “min-  
4 eral withdrawals” means a withdrawal (as such term  
5 is defined in section 103 of the Federal Land Policy  
6 and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1702))  
7 from disposition under mineral leasing laws.

