

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 119-8
OFFERED BY MR. SCHNEIDER OF ILLINOIS

At the end of subtitle F of title X add the following
new section:

1 **SEC. 10 ____ . COUNTERING EXTREMISM IN THE DEPART-**
2 **MENT OF DEFENSE.**

3 (a) SCREENING REQUIRED FOR NEW EMPLOYEES.—

4 The Secretary of Defense shall ensure the Department of
5 Defense—

6 (1) implements a comprehensive enhanced
7 screening process for any individual—

8 (A) applying for a position that requires a
9 security clearance;

10 (B) appointed, detailed, or assigned to a
11 senior leadership position within the Depart-
12 ment, including a political position; or

13 (C) whose responsibilities involve public-
14 facing duties, policy influence, strategic commu-
15 nications, personnel decisions, or programmatic
16 priorities;

17 (2) conducts a review of the background of each
18 such individual for any record or history of affili-
19 ation with extremist organizations or ideologies that

1 promote violence, hate, or discrimination on the
2 basis of race, religion, ethnicity, gender, or sexual
3 orientation, including—

4 (A) participation in, support for, or pro-
5 motion of the overthrow of the United States
6 Government;

7 (B) violent insurrection against the United
8 States Government; or

9 (C) engagement in public speech, writings,
10 online content, or affiliations that promote con-
11 spiracy theories, Holocaust denial or distortion,
12 antisemitism, or other hate-based ideologies;
13 and

14 (3) includes in such review the public state-
15 ments, published materials, interviews, affiliations,
16 or social media content of such individual that re-
17 flect endorsement or amplification of ideologies that
18 promote hate, violence, or conspiracies targeting pro-
19 tected groups, including antisemitic or racist con-
20 tent.

21 (b) SCREENING OF EXISTING EMPLOYEES.—Not
22 later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of
23 this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall conduct a screen-
24 ing and review as described in subsection (a) for all De-
25 partment of Defense civilian employees employed by the

1 Department on the day of the enactment of this Act and
2 serving in positions described in subparagraphs (A), (B),
3 and (C) of subsection (a)(1).

