AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 116-19

OFFERED BY MR. TAKANO OF CALIFORNIA

Amend section 912 to read as follows:

SEC. 912. LIMITATION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR CONSOLIDATION OF DEFENSE MEDIA ACTIVITY.

(a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) the Defense Media Activity serves as a premier broadcasting and production center for America’s servicemembers and their families worldwide; and

(2) as the Department of Defense considers relocating some or all of the functions of the Defense Media Activity, Congress must have the opportunity to consider the impact and scope that such a decision would have on the Department’s ability to meet its current warfighting capabilities and ensure that the Defense Media Activity does not consolidate its facilities at the expense of satisfying its current mission requirements.
(b) LIMITATION.—None of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2020 or any subsequent fiscal year for the Department of Defense may be used to consolidate the Defense Media Activity until a period of 180 days has elapsed following the date on which the Secretary of Defense submits the report required under subsection (c).

(c) REPORT REQUIRED.—The Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report that includes the following:

(1) Any current or future plans to restructure, reduce, or eliminate the functions, personnel, facilities, or capabilities of the Defense Media Activity, including the timelines associated with such plans.

(2) Any modifications that have been made, or that may be made, to personnel compensation or funding accounts in preparation for, or in response to, efforts to consolidate the Defense Media Activity.

(3) Any contractual agreements that have been entered into to consolidate or explore the consolidation of the Defense Media Activity.

(4) Any Department of Defense directives or Administration guidance relating to efforts to consolidate the Defense Media Activity, including any
directives or guidance intended to inform or instruct such efforts.

(d) CONSOLIDATE DEFINED.—In this section, the term “consolidate”, means any action to reduce or limit the functions, personnel, facilities, or capabilities of the Defense Media Activity, including entering into contracts or developing plans for such reduction or limitation.