

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 118-

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At the appropriate place in subtitle B of title XVII:

1 **SEC. ____ . ESTABLISHMENT OF CHINA WATCHER PROGRAM.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State, in coordi-
3 nation with relevant offices and bureaus of the Depart-
4 ment of Defense, shall implement a program, to be known
5 as the “China Watcher Program”, within the Department
6 of State to—

7 (1) monitor and combat the People’s Republic
8 of China’s malign influence across military, eco-
9 nomic, and political sectors in foreign countries;

10 (2) monitor the People’s Republic of China’s
11 military trends abroad and counter its activities and
12 advancements in foreign nations that pose a threat
13 to United States interests and the rules-based order;
14 and

15 (3) strengthen the capacity of United States
16 Government to engage with foreign countries and re-
17 gional and international military, economic, and po-
18 litical organizations and institutions relating to pol-
19 icy coordination regarding the People’s Republic of

1 China and efforts to counter the People's Republic
2 of China's malign influence.

3 (b) PLACEMENT.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out the China
5 Watcher Program under this section, the Secretary
6 of State, in consultation with the Secretary of De-
7 fense, shall place officers in positions in select
8 United States diplomatic and consular posts, in co-
9 ordination with the Secretary of State, to engage
10 both Chinese and third-country nationals, including
11 host governments and nongovernment entities, on
12 the matters described in subsection (a).

13 (2) PRIORITY.—The Secretary of State shall—

14 (A) in selecting diplomatic and consular
15 posts, prioritize foreign countries in which Chi-
16 nese influence has been historically significant
17 and in which United States interests and per-
18 sons are vulnerable to the People's Republic of
19 China's malign activities; and

20 (B) in placing personnel in such posts, se-
21 lect, in consultation with the Secretary of De-
22 fense, personnel within either the Department
23 of State or the Department of Defense who
24 have sufficient subject matter expertise, lan-

1 guage skills, and training to carry out their
2 functions effectively.

3 (c) ANNUAL REPORT.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Each post or mission with a
5 China Watcher Program shall produce an annual re-
6 port outlining the steps it has taken to advance the
7 mission, trends and analysis, and the nature and ex-
8 tent of Chinese foreign direct investment and influ-
9 ence in key military, economic, and political sectors,
10 including technology, manufacturing, transportation,
11 energy, metals, agriculture, real estate, and defense.

12 (2) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—Such report
13 shall include an assessment of the investment, trade,
14 and other risks posed by Chinese malign influence as
15 well as instances of predatory actions by the Peo-
16 ple’s Republic of China or its affiliates.

17 (d) RISK ASSESSMENT.—The annual report required
18 by subsection (c) shall include a risk assessment which
19 shall be made publicly available. The Secretary of State,
20 in consultation with the Secretary of Defense, shall, based
21 on the results of such report, make publicly available a
22 list of countries of concern in regard to the likelihood of
23 economic espionage and coercion or influence of the Peo-
24 ple’s Republic of China across military, economic, and po-
25 litical sectors.

1 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
2 authorized to be appropriated \$10,000,000 for fiscal year
3 2024 and each fiscal year thereafter to carry out this sec-
4 tion.

