

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 117–

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At the end of subtitle G of title X, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 10** ____. **NATIONAL TABLETOP EXERCISE.**

2 (a) **REQUIREMENT.**—Not later than 365 days of en-
3 actment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall con-
4 duct a tabletop exercise designed to test the resiliency of
5 the United States across all aspects of national power in
6 the event of an invasion of a covered defense partner. The
7 Secretary may conduct subsequent similar exercises on a
8 biennial basis.

9 (b) **PLANNING AND PREPARATION.**—A tabletop exer-
10 cise under this section shall be prepared by Department
11 of Defense personnel.

12 (c) **PRIVATE SECTOR.**—In accordance with applicable
13 laws and regulations regarding the protection of national
14 security information, the Secretary may invite non-Gov-
15 ernment individuals or entities to participate in a tabletop
16 exercise under this section.

1 (d) INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS.—The Secretary may
2 invite allies and partners of the United States to partici-
3 pate in a tabletop exercise under this section.

4 (e) OBSERVERS.—The Secretary may invite rep-
5 resentatives from the executive and legislative branches of
6 the Federal Government to observe a tabletop exercise
7 under this section.

8 (f) CONSULTATION REQUIREMENT.—The Secretary
9 shall plan and execute a tabletop exercise under this sec-
10 tion in consultation with the heads of the Federal depart-
11 ments and agencies who participate in the exercise, as de-
12 termined by the Secretary.

13 (g) ELEMENTS.—A tabletop exercise under this sec-
14 tion shall be designed to evaluate the following elements:

15 (1) The Federal Government response across all
16 elements of national power to an invasion of a cov-
17 ered defense partner.

18 (2) The ability of the United States covered
19 Armed Forces, alongside allied and partner mili-
20 taries, to defeat an invasion of a covered defense
21 partner.

22 (3) The resilience of domestic critical infra-
23 structure and logistical chokepoints that may inhibit
24 the mobility of the United States covered Armed

1 Forces in responding to an invasion of a covered de-
2 fense partner.

3 (4) The ability of the United States to coordi-
4 nate an effective international public and private
5 sector response.

6 (h) BRIEFING.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
8 after the date on which a tabletop exercise is con-
9 ducted under this section, the Secretary shall pro-
10 vide to the appropriate congressional committees a
11 briefing on the exercise.

12 (2) CONTENTS.—A briefing under paragraph
13 (1) shall include—

14 (A) an assessment of the decision-making,
15 capability, and response gaps observed in the
16 tabletop exercise;

17 (B) recommendations to improve the re-
18 sponse of the United States across all elements
19 of national power in the case of an invasion of
20 a covered defense partner;

21 (C) recommendations to improve the do-
22 mestic resiliency and vulnerability of critical in-
23 frastructure of the United States in the case of
24 an invasion of a covered defense partner; and

1 (D) appropriate strategies to address the
2 recommendations identified in subparagraphs
3 (B) and (C).

4 (i) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

5 (1) The term “appropriate congressional com-
6 mittees” means—

7 (A) the Committee on Armed Services and
8 the Committee on Oversight and Reform of the
9 House of Representatives; and

10 (B) the Committee on Armed Services and
11 the Committee on Homeland Security and Gov-
12 ernment Affairs of the Senate.

13 (2) The term “covered Armed Force” means—

14 (A) The Army.

15 (B) The Navy.

16 (C) The Marine Corps.

17 (D) The Air Force.

18 (E) The Space Force.

19 (3) The term “covered defense partner” means
20 a country that is—

21 (A) identified as a partner in the document
22 entitled “Department of Defense Indo-Pacific
23 Strategy Report” issued on June 1, 2019; and

24 (B) located within 100 miles of the coast
25 of a strategic competitor.

1 (4) The term “tabletop exercise” means an ac-
2 tivity—

3 (A) in which key personnel assigned high-
4 level roles and responsibilities are gathered to
5 deliberate various simulated emergency or rapid
6 response situations; and

7 (B) that is designed to be used to assess
8 the adequacy of plans, policies, procedures,
9 training, resources, and relationships or agree-
10 ments that guide prevention of, response to,
11 and recovery from a defined event.

