

AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 119–33

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

SEC. ___. REPORT ON ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF UNITED STATES MILITARY OPERATIONS

(a) REPORT REQUIRED.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretary of State and the Director of National Intelligence, shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report, in unclassified form but which may contain a classified annex if necessary, that includes the total environmental impact of United States military operations carried out during Fiscal Year 2026. The report shall include the following:

(A) An assessment of the sources and mechanisms of environmental damage resulting from United States military operations, including—

(i) damage to nuclear, petrochemical, oil, gas, electricity, grid, water, wastewater, desalination, port, transportation, and renewable energy infrastructure;

(ii) damage to hospital and other medical infrastructure, to the extent such damage results in hazardous medical waste, contamination, or impairment of public health and emergency response capacity;

(iii) the use of munitions, missiles, drones, and other ordnance, including unexploded ordnance;

(iv) destroyed or damaged military equipment;

(v) operational fuel use; and

(vi) conflict-related fires and industrial site damage.

(B) An assessment of hazardous or toxic substances released, or at risk of being released, into the environment as a result of such operations, including radioactive material, hydrocarbons, sulfur dioxide, particulate matter, volatile organic compounds, heavy metals, asbestos, explosive residues, fuel, oil, sewage, and wastewater, and including both acute release events, such as spills, fuel and refinery fires, smoke plumes, and toxic dust, and chronic or persistent releases;

(C) An estimate using the best available data and methodology of the greenhouse gas emissions resulting from such operations, including emissions from operational fuel use,

fires, destroyed or damaged infrastructure, munitions, missiles, drones, destroyed military equipment, emergency energy generation, and reasonably foreseeable reconstruction needs, and of the associated climate damages, including through application of the social cost of greenhouse gases or another best available methodology;

(D) An assessment of both the immediate and the long-term impacts of such operations on environmental resources, including—

(i) air, soil, surface water, and groundwater;

(ii) marine and coastal waters and resources, including marine ecosystems, fisheries, coral reefs, ports, desalination intake systems, and shipping-related contamination risks;

(iii) agricultural land, food production, biodiversity, protected areas, and other natural resources of the Persian Gulf and surrounding region; and

(iv) soil contamination, contaminated rubble, hazardous remnants of war (including explosive and toxic remnants of war), and resources requiring cleanup, containment, disposal, or long-term monitoring.

(E) An assessment of the impact of the environmental damage described in this subsection on the health of civilians, workers, first responders, medical personnel, members of the United States Armed Forces, United States contractors, and partner forces, including exposure pathways.

(F) An assessment of gaps in, or barriers to, environmental monitoring, public health response, humanitarian relief, and remediation, including insecurity, lack of site access, damaged institutions, the absence of international inspectors or technical experts, and legal, logistical, security, or equipment restrictions, including those arising from sanctions in countries and regions impacted by United States military operations.

(G) Recommendations for additional environmental monitoring, pollution prevention, public health protection, hazardous waste management, remediation, interagency coordination, and congressional notification requirements needed to address the harms identified under this subsection.

(2) FORM.—The report required under paragraph (1) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may include a classified annex. The Secretary shall post the unclassified report on a publicly available and appropriate website of the Department of Defense.

(3) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DEFINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate congressional committees” means—

- (A) The Committee on Armed Services, the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives; and
- (B) The Committee on Armed Services, the Committee on Foreign Relations, and the Committee on Environment and Public Works.