

AMENDMENT TO
RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 119-33
OFFERED BY MS. VELÁZQUEZ OF NEW YORK

Add at the end of subtitle E of title X the following
new section:

1 **SEC. 10__ . REPORT ON MILITARY EXERCISES AND STATUS**
2 **OF CLEANUP EFFORTS IN VIEQUES, PUERTO**
3 **RICO.**

4 (a) **REPORT REQUIRED.**—Not later than 180 days
5 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
6 of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense com-
7 mittees a report on the military exercises carried out by
8 the Department of Defense in Vieques, Puerto Rico, and
9 the status of ongoing cleanup efforts in such municipality.

10 (b) **ELEMENTS.**—The report shall include an expla-
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12 (1) the national security concerns of the Sec-
13 retary along the Caribbean justifying renewed mili-
14 tary exercises in Vieques and other bases located
15 throughout Puerto Rico;

16 (2) whether the current and planned exercises
17 of the Department in the Caribbean include the dis-
18 posal of munitions in Vieques;

1 (3) the extent to which such exercises will delay
2 the cleanup of Vieques by the Department;

3 (4) the projected timelines for the completion of
4 the cleanup of the land and waters of Vieques;

5 (5) any benchmarks in place to evaluate the
6 performance of the Department in completing the
7 cleanup of Vieques;

8 (6) the funding that has been expended from
9 the Defense Environmental Restoration Account
10 over the last five years to fulfill the goals of the Mili-
11 tary Munitions Response Program and the Installa-
12 tion Restoration Program in Vieques; and

13 (7) the plans of the Department to deploy addi-
14 tional technologies, personnel, or other resources to
15 accelerate the cleanup of Vieques.

16 (c) PUBLIC DASHBOARD.—Not later than one year
17 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
18 shall publish on a publicly accessible website of the De-
19 partment a dashboard that provides information on the
20 actions of the Department to continue and accelerate
21 cleanup efforts in Vieques, Puerto Rico. The dashboard
22 shall be updated on a semiannual basis and shall include
23 a summary of—

1 (1) the funding that has been obligated or ex-
2 pended from the Defense Environmental Restoration
3 Account;

4 (2) the status of cleanup efforts, including the
5 status of any interim remedial actions, at each
6 cleanup site;

7 (3) the projected and actual timelines for the
8 completion of remedial actions at each cleanup site;
9 and

10 (4) points of contact for public engagement.

