

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 116–19
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At the end of subtitle E of title XII, add the following:

1 **SEC. __. STRATEGY FOR ENGAGEMENT WITH SOUTHEAST**
2 **ASIA AND ASEAN.**

3 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 180 days after the
4 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State,
5 in consultation with the Secretary of Defense, shall de-
6 velop and submit to the appropriate congressional commit-
7 tees a comprehensive strategy for engagement with South-
8 east Asia and ASEAN.

9 (b) **MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.**—The strategy re-
10 quired by subsection (a) shall include the following:

11 (1) A statement of enduring United States in-
12 terests in Southeast Asia and a description of efforts
13 to bolster the effectiveness of ASEAN.

14 (2) A description of efforts to—

15 (A) deepen and expand Southeast Asian al-
16 liances, partnerships, and multilateral engage-
17 ments, including efforts to expand broad based
18 and inclusive economic growth, security ties, se-
19 curity cooperation and interoperability, eco-

1 nomic connectivity, and expand opportunities
2 for ASEAN to work with other like-minded
3 partners in the region; and

4 (B) encourage like-minded partners outside
5 of the Indo-Pacific region to engage with
6 ASEAN.

7 (3) A summary of initiatives across the whole
8 of the United States Government to strengthen the
9 United States partnership with Southeast Asian na-
10 tions and ASEAN, including to promote broad based
11 and inclusive economic growth, investment, energy,
12 public-private partnerships, physical and digital in-
13 frastructure development, education, disaster man-
14 agement, public health and economic and political
15 diplomacy in Southeast Asia.

16 (4) A summary of initiatives across the whole
17 of the United States Government to enhance the ca-
18 pacity of Southeast Asian nations with respect to en-
19 forcing international law and multilateral sanctions,
20 and initiatives to cooperate with ASEAN as an insti-
21 tution in these areas.

22 (5) A summary of initiatives across the whole
23 of the United States Government to promote human
24 rights and democracy, to strengthen the rule of law,
25 civil society, and transparent governance, and to

1 protect the integrity of elections from outside influ-
2 ence.

3 (6) A summary of initiatives to promote secu-
4 rity cooperation and security assistance within
5 Southeast Asian nations, including—

6 (A) maritime security and maritime do-
7 main awareness initiatives for protecting the
8 maritime commons and supporting international
9 law and freedom of navigation in the South
10 China Sea;

11 (B) efforts to combat terrorism, human
12 trafficking, piracy, and illegal fishing, and pro-
13 mote more open, reliable routes for sea lines of
14 communication; and

15 (C) an assessment of ongoing and planned
16 funding for relevant United States Government
17 departments and agencies on the implementa-
18 tion of initiatives highlighted in the strategy
19 and an identification of additional strategic,
20 management, procedural, legal, personnel, and
21 funding resources needed to fully implement the
22 strategy.

23 (c) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DE-
24 FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate congres-
25 sional committees” means—

1 (1) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the
2 Committee on Armed Services of the House of Rep-
3 resentatives; and

4 (2) the Committee on Foreign Relations and
5 the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate.

