

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT FOR  
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Add at the end of subtitle E of title XVII the following new section:

1 **SEC. \_\_\_\_ . CONTINUATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL SPACE**  
2 **STATION.**

3 (a) **PRESENCE IN LOW-EARTH ORBIT.**—

4 (1) **SENSE OF CONGRESS.**—It is the sense of  
5 Congress that—

6 (A) it is in the national and economic secu-  
7 rity interests of the United States to maintain  
8 a continuous human presence in low-Earth  
9 orbit;

10 (B) the International Space Station is a  
11 strategic national security asset vital to the con-  
12 tinued space exploration and scientific advance-  
13 ments of the United States; and

14 (C) low-Earth orbit should be utilized as a  
15 testbed to advance human space exploration,  
16 scientific discoveries, and United States eco-  
17 nomic competitiveness and commercial partici-  
18 pation.

1           (2) HUMAN PRESENCE REQUIREMENT.—The  
2           United States shall continuously maintain the capa-  
3           bility for a continuous human presence in low-Earth  
4           orbit through and beyond the useful life of the Inter-  
5           national Space Station.

6           (b) MAINTAINING A NATIONAL LABORATORY IN  
7           SPACE.—

8           (1) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of  
9           Congress that—

10           (A) the United States national laboratory  
11           in space, which currently consists of the United  
12           States segment of the International Space Sta-  
13           tion (designated as a national laboratory under  
14           section 70905 of title 51, United States  
15           Code)—

16           (i) benefits the scientific community  
17           and promotes commerce in space;

18           (ii) fosters stronger relationships  
19           among the National Aeronautics and Space  
20           Administration (referred to in this section  
21           as “NASA”) and other Federal agencies,  
22           the private sector, and research groups and  
23           universities;

24           (iii) advances science, technology, en-  
25           gineering, and mathematics education

1 through utilization of the unique micro-  
2 gravity environment; and

3 (iv) advances human knowledge and  
4 international cooperation;

5 (B) after the International Space Station  
6 is decommissioned, the United States should  
7 maintain a national microgravity laboratory in  
8 space;

9 (C) in maintaining a national microgravity  
10 laboratory described in subparagraph (B), the  
11 United States should make appropriate accom-  
12 modations for different types of ownership and  
13 operational structures for the International  
14 Space Station and future space stations;

15 (D) the national microgravity laboratory  
16 described in subparagraph (B) should be main-  
17 tained beyond the date on which the Inter-  
18 national Space Station is decommissioned and,  
19 if possible, in cooperation with international  
20 space partners to the extent practicable; and

21 (E) NASA should continue to support fun-  
22 damental science research on future platforms  
23 in low-Earth orbit and cis-lunar space, short  
24 duration suborbital flights, drop towers, and  
25 other microgravity testing environments.

1           (2) REPORT.—The Administrator of NASA  
2 shall produce, in coordination with the National  
3 Space Council and other Federal agencies as the Ad-  
4 ministrator considers relevant, a report detailing the  
5 feasibility of establishing a microgravity national  
6 laboratory Federally Funded Research and Develop-  
7 ment Center to undertake the work related to the  
8 study and utilization of in-space conditions.

9           (c) CONTINUATION OF AUTHORITY.—

10           (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 501(a) of the Na-  
11 tional Aeronautics and Space Administration Au-  
12 thorization Act of 2010 (42 U.S.C. 18351(a)) is  
13 amended by striking “2024” and inserting “2030”.

14           (2) MAINTENANCE OF THE UNITED STATES  
15 SEGMENT AND ASSURANCE OF CONTINUED OPER-  
16 ATIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION.—  
17 Section 503(a) of the National Aeronautics and  
18 Space Administration Authorization Act of 2010 (42  
19 U.S.C. 18353(a)) is amended by striking “2024”  
20 and inserting “2030”.

21           (3) RESEARCH CAPACITY ALLOCATION AND IN-  
22 TEGRATION OF RESEARCH PAYLOADS.—Section  
23 504(d) of the National Aeronautics and Space Ad-  
24 ministration Authorization Act of 2010 (42 U.S.C.

1 18354(d)) is amended by striking “2024” each place  
2 it appears and inserting “2030”.

3 (4) MAINTAINING USE THROUGH AT LEAST  
4 2030.—Section 70907 of title 51, United States  
5 Code, is amended—

6 (A) in the section heading, by striking  
7 “**2024**” and inserting “**2030**”; and

8 (B) by striking “2024” each place it ap-  
9 pears and inserting “2030”.

10 (d) TRANSITION PLAN REPORTS.—Section  
11 50111(c)(2) of title 51, United States Code, is amended—

12 (1) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A),  
13 by striking “2023” and inserting “2028”; and

14 (2) in subparagraph (J), by striking “2028”  
15 and inserting “2030”.

16 (e) EXEMPTION FROM THE IRAN, NORTH KOREA,  
17 AND SYRIA NONPROLIFERATION ACT.—Section 7(1) of  
18 the Iran, North Korea, and Syria Nonproliferation Act  
19 (Public Law 106–178; 50 U.S.C. 1701 note) is amended,  
20 in the undesignated matter following subparagraph (B),  
21 by striking “December 31, 2025” and inserting “Decem-  
22 ber 31, 2030”.

23 (f) DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ACTIVITIES ON  
24 INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after  
2           the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
3           of Defense shall—

4                   (A) identify and review each activity, pro-  
5                   gram, and project of the Department of De-  
6                   fense completed, being carried out, or planned  
7                   to be carried out on the International Space  
8                   Station as of the date of the review; and

9                   (B) provide to the appropriate committees  
10                  of Congress a briefing that describes the results  
11                  of the review.

12           (2) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS  
13           DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term “appro-  
14           priate committees of Congress” means—

15                   (A) the Committee on Armed Services, the  
16                   Committee on Commerce, Science, and Trans-  
17                   portation, and the Committee on Appropria-  
18                   tions of the Senate; and

19                   (B) the Committee on Armed Services, the  
20                   Committee on Science, Space, and Technology,  
21                   and the Committee on Appropriations of the  
22                   House of Representatives.

