

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 116-**

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

1 **SEC. 10\_\_ . DESIGNATION OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**  
2 **STRATEGIC ARCTIC PORTS.**

3 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-  
4 gress that—

5 (1) the Arctic is a region of strategic impor-  
6 tance to the national security interests of the United  
7 States and the Department of Defense must better  
8 align its presence, force posture, and capabilities to  
9 meet the growing array of challenges in the region;  
10 and

11 (2) although much progress has been made to  
12 increase awareness of Arctic issues and to promote  
13 increased presence in the region, additional meas-  
14 ures, including the designation of one or more stra-  
15 tegic Arctic ports, are needed to show the commit-  
16 ment of the United States to this emerging strategic  
17 choke point of future great power competition.

18 (b) REPORT REQUIRED.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days  
2           after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
3           retary of Defense, in consultation with the Chairman  
4           of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Commanding Gen-  
5           eral of the United States Army Corps of Engineers,  
6           the Commandant of the Coast Guard, and the Ad-  
7           ministrator of the Maritime Administration, shall  
8           submit to the congressional defense committees a re-  
9           port evaluating potential sites for one or more stra-  
10          tegic ports in the Arctic.

11          (2) ELEMENTS.—Consistent with the updated  
12          military strategy for the protection of United States  
13          national security interests in the Arctic region set  
14          forth in the report required under section 1071 of  
15          the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal  
16          Year 2019 (Public Law 114–92; 129 Stat. 992), the  
17          report required under paragraph (1) shall include—

18                (A) an evaluation of the amount of suffi-  
19                cient and suitable space needed to create capaci-  
20                ty for port and other necessary infrastructure  
21                for at least one of each of type of Navy or  
22                Coast Guard vessel, including an Arleigh Burke  
23                class destroyer of the Navy, a national security  
24                cutter, and a heavy polar ice breaker of the  
25                Coast Guard;

1 (B) an evaluation of the amount of suffi-  
2 cient and suitable space needed to create capac-  
3 ity for equipment and fuel storage, techno-  
4 logical infrastructure, and civil infrastructure to  
5 support military and civilian operations, includ-  
6 ing—

7 (i) aerospace warning;

8 (ii) maritime surface and subsurface  
9 warning;

10 (iii) maritime control and defense;

11 (iv) maritime domain awareness;

12 (v) homeland defense;

13 (vi) defense support to civil authori-  
14 ties;

15 (vii) humanitarian relief;

16 (viii) search and rescue;

17 (ix) disaster relief;

18 (x) oil spill response;

19 (xi) medical stabilization and evacu-  
20 ation; and

21 (xii) meteorological measurements and  
22 forecasting;

23 (C) an identification of proximity and road  
24 access required to an airport designated as a  
25 commercial service airport by the Federal Avia-

1           tion Administration that is capable of sup-  
2           porting military and civilian aircraft for oper-  
3           ations designated in subparagraph (B);

4           (D) a description of the requirements, to  
5           include infrastructure and installations, commu-  
6           nications, and logistics necessary to improve re-  
7           sponse effectiveness to support military and ci-  
8           vilian operations described in subparagraph  
9           (B);

10           (E) an identification of the sites that the  
11           Secretary recommends as potential sites for  
12           designation as Department of Defense Strategic  
13           Arctic Ports;

14           (F) the estimated cost of sufficient con-  
15           struction necessary to initiate and sustain ex-  
16           pected operations at such sites; and

17           (G) such other information as the Sec-  
18           retary deems relevant.

19           (c) DESIGNATION OF STRATEGIC ARCTIC PORTS.—

20 Not later than 90 days after the date on which the report  
21 required under subsection (b) is submitted, the Secretary  
22 of Defense, in consultation with the Chairman of the Joint  
23 Chiefs of Staff, the Commanding General of the United  
24 States Army Corps of Engineers, the Commandant of the  
25 Coast Guard, and the Administrator of the Maritime Ad-

1 ministration, may designate one or more ports as Depart-  
2 ment of Defense Strategic Arctic Ports from the sites  
3 identified under subsection (b)(2)(E).

4 (d) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-  
5 tion may be construed to authorize any additional appro-  
6 priations for the Department of Defense for the establish-  
7 ment of any port designated pursuant to this section.

8 (e) ARCTIC DEFINED.—In this section, the term  
9 “Arctic” has the meaning given that term in section 112  
10 of the Arctic Research and Policy Act of 1984 (15 U.S.C.  
11 4111).

