

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 115-

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Page 409, after line 2, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 1058. STUDY AND STRATEGY FOR MAJOR THREAT NET-**
2 **WORKS OPERATING IN WESTERN HEMI-**
3 **SPHERE.**

4 (a) FINDING.—Congress finds that there are uncon-
5 ventional transnational and transregional “threat net-
6 works”, that—

7 (1) are centered on, but not exclusive to, drug
8 trafficking organizations; and

9 (2) that United States Southern Command has
10 identified as a security challenge in its area of re-
11 sponsibility.

12 (b) STUDY.—The Secretary of Defense shall carry
13 out a study of the major threat networks operating in the
14 Western Hemisphere, with the purpose of revealing their
15 principal leaders, capabilities, activities, methods, infra-
16 structure, financial assets, and weapons, as well as how
17 they overlap and interact with drug trafficking organiza-
18 tions. In carrying out the study, the Secretary should
19 prioritize such major threat networks that—

1 (1) abet international terrorism;

2 (2) threaten the homeland; or

3 (3) smuggle illegal drugs, supply weapons, or
4 launder illicit funds.

5 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
6 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
7 shall submit to the Committee on Armed Services and the
8 Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and the
9 Committee on Armed Services and the Committee on For-
10 eign Affairs of the House of Representatives a report con-
11 taining—

12 (1) all findings and determinations made in car-
13 rying out the study required under subsection (b);

14 (2) a comparison of the threats identified in
15 such study to the global threat priorities of the De-
16 partment; and

17 (3) an explanation of how the Department of
18 Defense plans to coordinate with the heads of other
19 appropriate departments and agencies of the United
20 States to use the resources of the Department, in
21 coordination with financial sanctions, criminal pros-
22 ecutions, diplomacy, and other tools, to dismantle
23 the major threat networks studied under subsection
24 (b).

