

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 114-51
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At the end of subtitle E of title XII, add the following:

1 **SEC. 12xx. UNITED STATES POLICY ON TAIWAN.**

2 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

3 (1) For more than 50 years, the United States
4 and Taiwan have had a unique and close relation-
5 ship, which has supported the economic, cultural,
6 and strategic advantage to both countries.

7 (2) The United States has vital security and
8 strategic interests in the Taiwan Strait.

9 (3) The Taiwan Relations Act (Public Law 96-
10 8; 22 U.S.C. 3301 et seq.) has been instrumental in
11 maintaining peace, security, and stability in the Tai-
12 wan Strait since its enactment in 1979.

13 (4) The Taiwan Relations Act states that it is
14 the policy of the United States to provide Taiwan
15 with arms of a defensive character and to maintain
16 the capacity of the United States to defend against
17 any forms of coercion that would jeopardize the se-
18 curity, or the social or economic system, of the peo-
19 ple on Taiwan.

1 (b) STATEMENT OF POLICY.—The Taiwan Relations
2 Act (Public Law 96–8; 22 U.S.C. 3301 et seq.) forms the
3 cornerstone of United States policy and relations with Tai-
4 wan.

5 (c) REPORT.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than February 15,
7 2017, the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of
8 State shall jointly submit to the appropriate commit-
9 tees of Congress a report that contains a description
10 of the steps the United States has taken, plans to
11 take, and will take to provide Taiwan with arms of
12 a defensive character in accordance with the Taiwan
13 Relations Act (Public Law 96–8; 22 U.S.C. 3301 et
14 seq.).

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

18 (A) the congressional defense committees;

19 and

20 (B) Committee on Foreign Relations of the
21 Senate and the Committee on Foreign Affairs
22 of the House of Representatives.

