

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 116-
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RICO

At the end of subtitle B of title III, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 3___ . COMPTROLLER GENERAL REPORT ON ENVIRON-**
2 **MENTAL CLEANUP OF VIEQUES AND**
3 **CULEBRA, PUERTO RICO.**

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

6 (1) the Secretary of Defense should explore all
7 avenues and alternatives to expedite the ongoing
8 cleanup and environmental restoration process in the
9 former military training sites located on the island-
10 municipalities of Vieques and Culebra, Puerto Rico;

11 (2) the Department of Defense should work
12 with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the
13 Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Government of
14 Puerto Rico to ensure the decontamination process
15 is conducted in a manner that causes the least pos-
16 sible intrusion on the lives of island residents and
17 minimizes public health risks; and

1 (3) the Federal Government should collaborate
2 with local and private stakeholders to effectively ad-
3 dress economic challenges and opportunities in
4 Vieques, Culebra, and the adjacent communities of
5 the former United States Naval Station Roosevelt
6 Roads.

7 (b) GAO REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after
8 the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General
9 of the United States shall complete a study and submit
10 a report to the congressional defense committees on the
11 status of the Federal cleanup and decontamination process
12 in the island-municipalities of Vieques and Culebra, Puer-
13 to Rico. The study shall include a comprehensive analysis
14 of the following:

15 (1) The pace of ongoing cleanup and environ-
16 mental restoration efforts in the former military
17 training sites in Vieques and Culebra.

18 (2) Potential challenges and alternatives to ac-
19 celerate the completion of such efforts, including
20 their associated costs and any impact they might
21 have on the public health and safety of island resi-
22 dents.

