

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT

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At the end of subtitle C of title XVIII, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 18__ . TIJUANA RIVER VALLEY WASTEWATER CON-**
2 **TAMINATION EMERGENCY.**

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

4 (1) On August 18, 2022, the International
5 Boundary and Water Commission, United States
6 and Mexico (IBWC) implemented Minute No. 328
7 “Sanitation Infrastructure Projects in San Diego,
8 California – Tijuana, Baja California for Immediate
9 Implementation and for Future Development”.

10 (2) The agreement outlined sanitation projects
11 to be constructed in San Diego, California, and Ti-
12 juana, Mexico, using the \$330,000,000 committed
13 by the United States and \$144,000,000 committed
14 by Mexico.

15 (3) The sewage infrastructure inadequacies
16 have created the largest ongoing environmental dis-
17 aster in California.

1 (4) There are recurring public health and safety
2 hazards on both sides of the border as untreated
3 wastewater containing raw sewage, chemical run-off
4 and other dangerous contaminants travels north into
5 California through the Tijuana River and along the
6 Pacific coast.

7 (5) This contamination poses a significant
8 health risk to residents and visitors, causing cities
9 and neighborhoods in San Diego to close their
10 beaches for weeks.

11 (6) The wastewater pollution also causes seri-
12 ous and dangerous bacterial contamination to ocean
13 waters used by American special operations forces
14 which poses dangerous harm to their health and im-
15 pacts their ability to train.

16 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
17 gress that—

18 (1) the United States must abide by Minute
19 328 and fulfill our commitment;

20 (2) the Administration should declare the Ti-
21 juana River Valley wastewater contamination and
22 flow a Federal emergency; and

1 (3) all resources are needed to solve this crit-
2 ical, urgent environmental justice and public health
3 tragedy as expeditiously as possible.

