

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
FOR H.R. 4435
OFFERED BY MR. MCGOVERN OF
MASSACHUSETTS**

Strike section 1217 and insert the following:

1 **SEC. 1217. COMPLETION OF ACCELERATED TRANSITION OF**
2 **UNITED STATES COMBAT AND MILITARY AND**
3 **SECURITY OPERATIONS TO THE GOVERN-**
4 **MENT OF AFGHANISTAN; REQUIREMENTS TO**
5 **CONTINUE DEPLOYMENT OF ARMED FORCES**
6 **IN AFGHANISTAN TO CARRY OUT MISSIONS**
7 **AFTER DECEMBER 31, 2014.**

8 (a) COMPLETION OF ACCELERATED TRANSITION OF
9 UNITED STATES COMBAT AND MILITARY AND SECURITY
10 OPERATIONS TO THE GOVERNMENT OF AFGHANISTAN.—
11 In coordination with the Government of Afghanistan,
12 North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) member
13 countries, and other allies in Afghanistan, the President
14 shall—

15 (1) complete the accelerated transition of
16 United States combat operations to the Government
17 of Afghanistan by not later than December 31,2014;

1 (2) complete the accelerated transition of
2 United States military and security operations to the
3 Government of Afghanistan and redeploy United
4 States Armed Forces from Afghanistan (including
5 operations involving military and security-related
6 contractors) by not later than December 31, 2014;
7 and

8 (3) pursue robust negotiations leading to a po-
9 litical settlement and reconciliation of the internal
10 conflict in Afghanistan, to include the Government
11 of Afghanistan, all interested parties within Afghani-
12 stan and with the observance and support of rep-
13 resentatives of donor nations active in Afghanistan
14 and regional governments and partners in order to
15 secure a secure and independent Afghanistan and
16 regional security and stability.

17 (b) REQUIREMENTS OF PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINA-
18 TION AND CONGRESSIONAL AUTHORIZATION TO CON-
19 TINUE DEPLOYMENT OF UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES
20 IN AFGHANISTAN TO CARRY OUT MISSIONS AFTER DE-
21 CEMBER 31, 2014.—

22 (1) PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATION.—In the
23 event that United States Armed Forces remain de-
24 ployed in Afghanistan after December 31, 2014,
25 then no later than March 31, 2015, the President

1 shall send to Congress a determination describing
2 the purpose and expected duration of such deploy-
3 ment, and the projected number of troops to be de-
4 ployed.

5 (2) CONGRESSIONAL ACTION.—No later than
6 30 days following the receipt of the President’s de-
7 termination, Congress shall bring a joint resolution
8 to approve the content of the President’s determina-
9 tion. Should Congress vote against the President’s
10 determination, the President is directed to remove
11 all troops not required to protect United States dip-
12 lomatic facilities and personnel in a safe, orderly and
13 expeditious redeployment from Afghanistan.

