

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 115-23
OFFERED BY MS. CHENEY OF WYOMING

At the end of subtitle D of title XII, add the following:

1 **SEC. 12 ____ . PLAN TO RESPOND IN CASE OF RUSSIAN NON-**
2 **COMPLIANCE WITH THE NEW START TREATY.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after the
4 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of De-
5 fense, in consultation with the Secretary of State, shall
6 submit to the congressional defense committees a report—
7 (1) describing the options available in response
8 to a failure by Russia to achieve the reductions re-
9 quired by the New START Treaty before February
10 5, 2018; and

11 (2) including the assessment of the Secretary of
12 Defense whether such a failure would constitute a
13 material breach of the New START Treaty, pro-
14 viding grounds for the United States to withdraw
15 from the treaty.

16 (b) OPTIONS DESCRIBED.—The report required
17 under subsection (a) shall specifically describe options to
18 respond to such a failure relating to the following:

19 (1) Economic sanctions.

1 (2) Diplomacy.

2 (3) Additional deployment of ballistic or cruise
3 missile defense capabilities, or other United States
4 capabilities that would offset any potential Russian
5 military advantage from such a failure.

6 (4) Redeployment of United States nuclear
7 forces beyond the levels required by the New
8 START Treaty, and the associated costs and im-
9 pacts on United States operations.

10 (5) Legal countermeasures available under
11 other treaties between the United States and Russia,
12 including under the Treaty on Open Skies, done at
13 Helsinki March 24, 1992, and entered into force
14 January 1, 2002.

15 (c) NEW START TREATY.—In this section, the term
16 “New START Treaty” means the Treaty between the
17 United States of America and the Russian Federation on
18 Measures for the Further Reduction and Limitation of
19 Strategic Offensive Arms, signed at Prague April 8, 2010,
20 and entered into force February 5, 2011.

