

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 114-14**  
**OFFERED BY MR. CONNOLLY OF VIRGINIA**

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

1 **SEC. 12xx. PROHIBITION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS RE-**  
2 **LATING TO SOVEREIGNTY OF THE RUSSIAN**  
3 **FEDERATION OVER CRIMEA.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—None of the funds authorized to  
5 be appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available  
6 for fiscal year 2016 for the Department of Defense may  
7 be obligated or expended—

8 (1) to implement any action or policy that rec-  
9 ognizes the de jure or de facto sovereignty of the  
10 Russian Federation over Crimea, its airspace, or its  
11 territorial waters; or

12 (2) to provide assistance for the central govern-  
13 ment of a country that has taken affirmative steps  
14 intended to recognize or otherwise be supportive of  
15 the Russian Federation’s forcible and illegal occupa-  
16 tion of Crimea.

17 (b) WAIVER.—The Secretary of Defense may waive  
18 the restriction on assistance required by subsection (a)(2)  
19 if the Secretary certifies and reports to the Committee on

1 Armed Services of the Senate and the Committee on  
2 Armed Services of the House of Representatives that to  
3 do so is in the national interest of the United States.

4 (c) SUNSET.—The requirements of subsection (a)  
5 shall cease to be in effect if the Secretary of Defense cer-  
6 tifies and reports to the Committee on Armed Services of  
7 the Senate and the Committee on Armed Services of the  
8 House of Representatives that the armed forces of the  
9 Russian Federation have withdrawn from Crimea and the  
10 Government of Ukraine has reestablished sovereignty over  
11 Crimea.

