

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT**  
**FOR H.R. 1735**  
**OFFERED BY MR. HUNTER OF CALIFORNIA**

Page 528, after line 2, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 1092. INTERAGENCY HOSTAGE RECOVERY COORDI-**  
2 **NATOR.**

3 (a) INTERAGENCY HOSTAGE RECOVERY COORDI-  
4 NATOR.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after  
6 the date of the enactment of this Act, the President  
7 shall designate an existing Federal officer to coordi-  
8 nate efforts to secure the release of United States  
9 persons who are hostages of hostile groups or state  
10 sponsors of terrorism. For purposes of carrying out  
11 the duties described in paragraph (2), such officer  
12 shall have the title of “Interagency Hostage Recov-  
13 ery Coordinator”.

14 (2) DUTIES.—The Coordinator shall have the  
15 following duties:

16 (A) Coordinate and direct all activities of  
17 the Federal Government relating to each hos-  
18 tage situation described in paragraph (1) to en-  
19 sure efforts to secure the release of all hostages

1 in the hostage situation are properly resourced  
2 and correct lines of authority are established  
3 and maintained.

4 (B) Establish and direct a fusion cell con-  
5 sisting of appropriate personnel of the Federal  
6 Government with purview over each hostage sit-  
7 uation described in paragraph (1).

8 (C) Develop a strategy to keep family  
9 members of hostages described in paragraph (1)  
10 informed of the status of such hostages and in-  
11 form such family members of updates, proce-  
12 dures, and policies that do not compromise the  
13 national security of the United States.

14 (b) LIMITATION ON AUTHORITY.—The authority of  
15 the Interagency Hostage Recovery Coordinator shall be  
16 limited to countries that are state sponsors of terrorism  
17 and areas designated as hazardous for which hostile fire  
18 and imminent danger pay are payable to members of the  
19 Armed Forces for duty performed in such area.

20 (c) QUARTERLY REPORT.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—On a quarterly basis, the  
22 Coordinator shall submit to the appropriate congres-  
23 sional committees and the members of Congress de-  
24 scribed in paragraph (2) a report that includes a  
25 summary of each hostage situation described in sub-

1 section (a)(1) and efforts to secure the release of all  
2 hostages in such hostage situation.

3 (2) MEMBERS OF CONGRESS DESCRIBED.—The  
4 members of Congress described in this subparagraph  
5 are, with respect to a United States person hostage  
6 covered by a report under paragraph (1), the Sen-  
7 ators representing the State, and the Member, Dele-  
8 gate, or Resident Commissioner of the House of  
9 Representatives representing the district, where a  
10 hostage described in subsection (a)(1) resides.

11 (3) FORM OF REPORT.— Each report under  
12 this subsection may be submitted in classified or un-  
13 classified form.

14 (d) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-  
15 tion shall be construed as authorizing the Federal Govern-  
16 ment to negotiate with a state sponsor of terrorism or an  
17 organization that the Secretary of State has designated  
18 as a foreign terrorist organization pursuant to section 219  
19 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1189).

20 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

21 (1) COORDINATOR.—The term “Coordinator”  
22 means the Interagency Hostage Recovery Coordi-  
23 nator designated under subsection (a).

24 (2) HOSTILE GROUP.—The term “hostile  
25 group” means—

1 (A) a group that is designated as a foreign  
2 terrorist organization under section 219(a) of  
3 the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.  
4 1189(a));

5 (B) a group that is engaged in armed con-  
6 flict with the United States; or

7 (C) any other group that the President de-  
8 termines to be a hostile group for purposes of  
9 this paragraph.

10 (3) STATE SPONSOR OF TERRORISM.—The term  
11 “state sponsor of terrorism”—

12 (A) means a country the government of  
13 which the Secretary of State has determined,  
14 for purposes of section 6(j) of the Export Ad-  
15 ministration Act of 1979, section 620A of the  
16 Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, section 40 of  
17 the Arms Export Control Act, or any other pro-  
18 vision of law, to be a government that has re-  
19 peatedly provided support for acts of inter-  
20 national terrorism; and

21 (B) includes North Korea.

