AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 11451

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Page 462, after line 13, insert the following new section:

| 1 | SEC. 1098. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING UNITED |
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| 2 | STATES NORTHERN COMMAND PREPARED- |
| 3 | NESS. |
| 4 | It is the sense of the Congress that— |
| 5 | (1) the United States Northern Command plays |
| 6 | a crucial role in providing additional response capa- |
| 7 | bility to State and local governments in domestic |
| 8 | disaster relief and consequence management oper- |
| 9 | ations; |
| 10 | (2) the United States Northern Command must |
| 11 | continue to build upon its current efforts to develop |
| 12 | command strategies, leadership training, and re- |
| 13 | sponse plans to effectively work with civil authorities |
| 14 | when acting as the lead agency or a supporting |
| 15 | agency; and |
| 16 | (3) the United States Northern Command |
| 17 | should leverage whenever possible training and man- |
| 18 | agement expertise that resides within the Depart- |

| 1 | ment of Defense, other Federal agencies, State and |
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| 2 | local governments, and private sector businesses and |
| 3 | academic institutions to enhance— |
| 4 | (A) its defense support to civil authorities |
| 5 | and incidence management missions; |
| 6 | (B) relationships with other entities in- |
| 7 | volved in disaster response; and |
| 8 | (C) its ability to respond to unforeseen |
| 9 | events. |

