Amendment to the Rules Committee Print for H.R. 1735 Offered by Mr. Katko of New York

Page 485, after line 2, add the following new section:

1 SEC. 10____. REPORT ON OPTIONS TO ACCELERATE THE 2 TRAINING OF REMOTELY PILOTED AIRCRAFT 3 PILOTS.

4 Not later than February 1, 2016, the Secretary of
5 the Air Force shall submit to the congressional defense
6 committees a report addressing the immediate and critical
7 training and operational needs of the remotely piloted air8 craft community. The report shall include the following:
9 (1) An assessment of the viability of using non-

rated, civilian, contractor, or enlisted pilots to execute remotely piloted aircraft missions.

(2) An assessment of the availability and existing utilization of special use airspace available for
remotely piloted aircraft training and a plan for accessing additional special use airspace in order to
meet anticipated training requirements for remotely
piloted aircraft.

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(3) A comprehensive training plan aimed at in creasing the throughput of undergraduate remotely
 piloted aircraft training without sacrificing quality
 and standards.

(4) Establishment of an optimum ratio for the 5 6 mix of training airframes to operational airframes in 7 the remotely piloted aircraft inventory necessary to 8 achieve manning requirements for pilots and sensor 9 operators and, to the extent practicable, a plan for 10 fielding additional remotely piloted aircraft air-11 frames at the formal training units in the active, 12 National Guard, and reserve components in accord-13 ance with optimum ratios for MQ-9 and Global 14 Hawk remotely piloted aircraft.

(5) Establishment of optimum and minimum
crew ratios to combat air patrols taking into account
all tasks remotely piloted aircraft units execute and,
to the extent practicable, a plan for conducting missions in accordance with optimum ratios.

20 (6) Identification of any resource, legislative, or
21 departmental policy challenges impeding the correc22 tive action needed to reach a sustainable remotely
23 piloted aircraft operations tempo.

24 (7) An assessment, to the extent practicable, of25 the direct and indirect impacts that the integration

of remotely piloted aircraft into the national airspace
 system has on the ability to generate remotely pi loted aircraft crews.

4 (8) Any other matters the Secretary determines5 appropriate.

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