

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 114-51
OFFERED BY MR. PITTS OF PENNSYLVANIA

Page 542, after line 6, insert before “Such” the following: “The number and type of transient Russian naval vessels that have utilized ports of the country.”.

Page 542, line 8, insert before “and” the following: “, including the use of ports of such country by transient Russian naval vessels,”.

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

1 **SEC. 12xx. SENSE OF CONGRESS URGING THE GOVERN-**
2 **MENT OF SPAIN TO DISCONTINUE ACCESS TO**
3 **ITS PORTS BY THE RUSSIAN NAVY.**

4 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

5 (1) Spain, a member of the North Atlantic
6 Treaty Organization (NATO) alliance, has allowed
7 the Russian Navy regular use of the Spanish port in
8 the sovereign enclave of Ceuta in North Africa.

9 (2) Spain has hosted at least 57 Russian naval
10 vessels since 2011, including frigates, destroyers,
11 amphibious assault ships, and an attack submarine.

1 (3) Spain has allowed Russian naval vessels to
2 refuel and supply in Spanish ports in close proximity
3 to the British Overseas Territory of Gibraltar.

4 (4) In August 2015, Spain allowed the Russian
5 hunter-killer Novorossiysk submarine to refuel in
6 Ceuta, off the Moroccan coast, just 19 miles from
7 Gibraltar. The submarine was likely headed for the
8 Russian naval base at Sevastapol in Crimea, terri-
9 tory now occupied by Russia.

10 (5) The United States often relies upon the
11 British military facilities at Gibraltar, where the
12 United Kingdom has a Permanent Joint Operating
13 Base. Most recently, Gibraltar hosted a United
14 States nuclear submarine, the USS Florida.

15 (6) The presence of the Russian Navy close to
16 British territorial waters in Gibraltar presents sig-
17 nificant intelligence and security risks for the United
18 States, the United Kingdom, and the NATO alli-
19 ance.

20 (7) The Russian Federation continues to occupy
21 Crimea and sections of eastern Ukraine, while
22 threatening NATO allies in the Baltic States and
23 Eastern Europe.

24 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
25 gress that—

1 (1) all NATO member states, at a time when
2 the Russian Federation is occupying Crimea and
3 parts of eastern Ukraine, should act in a manner be-
4 coming a NATO member state and exercise prudent
5 discretion when granting consent to host non-NATO
6 forces;

7 (2) the President of the United States should
8 make clear United States disapproval of Spain's ac-
9 tions and urge Spain to end its support to the Rus-
10 sian Navy; and

11 (3) the United States should work with NATO
12 partners to discontinue access of NATO member
13 state ports by the Russian Navy.

