

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 114-51
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At the end of subtitle E of title XII, add the following:

1 **SEC. 12xx. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON MILITARY RELATIONS**
2 **BETWEEN VIETNAM AND THE UNITED**
3 **STATES.**

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

5 (1) The United States and Vietnam signed a
6 Joint Vision Statement on Defense Relations on
7 June 1, 2015.

8 (2) In October 2014, the Administration partially relaxed United States restrictions on the transfer of lethal weapons to Vietnam.

11 (3) In 2014, the United States provided
12 \$18,000,000 in maritime security assistance to Vietnam.
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14 (4) According to Reporters Without Borders,
15 Vietnam ranks 175 out of 180 countries in press
16 freedom, as the Government of Vietnam continues to
17 persecute citizens for practicing the freedom of
18 speech and expression.

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

3 (1) the United States Government should re-
4 view its policy on the transfer of lethal weapons to
5 Vietnam; and

6 (2) the United States Government should evalu-
7 ate certain human rights benchmarks when pro-
8 viding military assistance to Vietnam.

