

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 115-

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OFFERED BY MR. BLUMENAUER OF OREGON

In section 3114—

(1) strike subsection (a) (and redesignate subsection (b) as subsection (a));

(2) in subsection (a), as so redesignated, strike “The Secretary” and insert “Except as provided by subsection (b), the Secretary”; and

(3) add at the end the following new subsection:

1 (b) LIMITATION.—Of the funds authorized to be ap-
2 propriated by this Act or otherwise made available for fis-
3 cal year 2019 for the W76-2 warhead modification pro-
4 gram, not more than 50 percent may be obligated or ex-
5 pended until the date on which the Secretary of Defense
6 submits to the congressional defense committees a re-
7 port—

8 (1) assessing the potential effects of the modi-
9 fication or development of a low-yield nuclear war-
10 head for submarine-launched ballistic missiles on
11 strategic stability; and

12 (2) assessing options to—

1 (A) reduce the risk of miscalculation asso-
2 ciated with adversaries being unable to distin-
3 guish between a submarine-launched ballistic
4 missile carrying a low-yield warhead and such a
5 missile carrying several high-yield warheads;
6 and

7 (B) preserve the survivability and the sec-
8 ond-strike capability of ballistic missile sub-
9 marines without increasing risk.

