AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 115–70

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:

(b) LIMITATION.—Of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2019 for the W76-2 warhead modification program, not more than 50 percent may be obligated or expended until the date on which the Secretary of Defense submits to the congressional defense committees a report—

(1) assessing the potential effects of the modification or development of a low-yield nuclear warhead for submarine-launched ballistic missiles on strategic stability; and

(2) assessing options to—
(A) reduce the risk of miscalculation associated with adversaries being unable to distinguish between a submarine-launched ballistic missile carrying a low-yield warhead and such a missile carrying several high-yield warheads; and

(B) preserve the survivability and the second-strike capability of ballistic missile submarines without increasing risk.