

AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT**119–8****OFFERED BY MR. BEGICH OF ALASKA**

At the appropriate place in subtitle E of title XVI,
insert the following:

1 **SEC. 16____. LIMITATION ON AUTHORITY TO REDUCE**
2 **SUSTAINMENT FOR OR HALT OPERATION OF**
3 **THE AN/FPS–108 COBRA DANE RADAR.**

4 (a) **LIMITATION.**—Until the date on which the certifi-
5 cation described in subsection (b) is submitted to the con-
6 gressional defense committees, the Secretary of Defense—

7 (1) may not reduce sustainment efforts for, halt
8 operation of, or prepare to reduce sustainment ef-
9 forts for or halt operation of, the AN/FPS–108
10 COBRA DANE radar located at Eareckson Air Sta-
11 tion on Shemya Island, Alaska;

12 (2) shall sustain the AN/FPS–108 COBRA
13 DANE radar in a manner that preserves, at a min-
14 imum, the operational availability of the system as
15 of the date of the enactment of this section; and

16 (3) shall ensure that the AN/FPS–108 COBRA
17 DANE radar continues to meet the operational re-
18 quirements of the combatant commands that are

1 met by such system as of the date of the enactment
2 of this section.

3 (b) CERTIFICATION DESCRIBED.—The certification
4 described in this subsection is a written certification from
5 the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Chief
6 of Space Operations and the Director of the Missile De-
7 fense Agency, indicating that the replacement capability
8 for the AN/FPS–108 COBRA DANE radar—

9 (1) will reach initial operational capability at
10 the same time or before the termination of oper-
11 ations for the AN/FPS–108 COBRA DANE radar;
12 and

13 (2) at the time such replacement capability
14 achieves initial operational capability, will have the
15 ability to meet the operational requirements of the
16 combatant commands that have been, or that are ex-
17 pected to be, assigned to such replacement capa-
18 bility.

19 (c) EXCEPTION.—The limitation described in sub-
20 section (a) shall not apply to temporary interruptions of
21 operational availability for the AN/FPS–108 COBRA
22 DANE radar provided such activities are necessary to sup-
23 port maintenance or modernization activities of the sys-
24 tem.

