

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 115-70
OFFERED BY MR. BIGGS OF ARIZONA

At the end of subtitle A of title XII, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 12 ____. REPORT ON ALLIED CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE**
2 **COMMON DEFENSE.**

3 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
4 gress that—

5 (1) in recognition of the growth in the economic
6 and military strength of United States allies which
7 has occurred since the commencement of applicable
8 treaties or other mutual security arrangements—

9 (A) the burdens of mutual defense now as-
10 sumed by some countries allied with the United
11 States are not commensurate with their eco-
12 nomic resources or security environments;

13 (B) many United States allies have failed
14 to consistently meet their commitments and re-
15 sponsibilities;

16 (C) progress towards developing the nec-
17 essary self-defense capabilities to fulfill commit-
18 ments and contribute to the common defense
19 has been disappointing at times; and

1 (D) the continued unwillingness of certain
2 allied countries to increase their contributions
3 to the common defense to more appropriate lev-
4 els will endanger the vitality, effectiveness, and
5 cohesion of the alliances and partnerships be-
6 tween those countries and the United States
7 and increase risks to shared peace and pros-
8 perity; and

9 (2) the President should seek from each ally or
10 partner country of the United States acceptance of
11 international security responsibilities and agree-
12 ments to make contributions to the common defense
13 that are commensurate with the economic resources
14 and security environment of such country, including,
15 when appropriate, an increase in host nation sup-
16 port.

17 (b) REPORT ON CONTRIBUTIONS BY ALLIES.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 16 of title 10,
19 United States Code, is amended by adding at the
20 end the following new section:

21 **“§ 387. Report on annual defense spending by ally**
22 **and partner countries.**

23 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than March 1, 2019,
24 and annually thereafter, the Secretary of Defense shall
25 submit to the appropriate congressional committees and

1 to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform
2 of the House of Representatives a report that includes a
3 description of—

4 “(1) the annual defense spending of each mu-
5 tual defense treaty ally and major non-NATO ally,
6 including the nominal budget figure and the share of
7 such spending as a percentage of the ally’s gross do-
8 mestic product, for the fiscal year immediately pre-
9 ceeding the fiscal year in which the report is sub-
10 mitted;

11 “(2) the activities of each such ally in contrib-
12 uting to military or stability operations in which the
13 armed forces participate;

14 “(3) any limitations that each such ally places
15 on the use of the armed forces of such ally for such
16 military or stability operations; and

17 “(4) any actions undertaken by the United
18 States or other countries to minimize or modify such
19 limitations.

20 “(b) FORM.—The report required by subsection (a)
21 shall be submitted in unclassified form but may contain
22 a classified annex.

23 “(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

24 “(1) MUTUAL DEFENSE TREATY ALLY.—The
25 term ‘mutual defense treaty ally’ means a country

1 that is a party to a treaty of mutual defense with
2 the United States.

3 “(2) MAJOR NON-NATO ALLY.—The term
4 ‘major non-NATO ally’ means a country so des-
5 ignated pursuant to section 2350a or section 517 of
6 the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.”.

7 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-
8 tions at the beginning of chapter 16 of such title is
9 amended by inserting after the item relating to sec-
10 tion 386 the following new item:

“387. Report on annual defense spending by ally and partner countries.”.

