

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 116–57**

**OFFERED BY MR. BIGGS OF ARIZONA**

At the end of subtitle B of title XII, add the following:

1 **SEC. 12\_\_\_. WITHDRAWAL OF UNITED STATES ARMED**  
2 **FORCES FROM AFGHANISTAN.**

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

4 (1) The Joint Resolution to authorize the use  
5 of United States Armed Forces against those re-  
6 sponsible for the attacks launched against the  
7 United States (Public Law 107–40) states, “the  
8 President is authorized to use all necessary and ap-  
9 propriate force against those nations, organizations,  
10 or persons he determines planned, authorized, com-  
11 mitted, or aided the terrorist attacks that occurred  
12 on September 11, 2001”.

13 (2) Since 2001, more than 3,002,635 men and  
14 women of the United States Armed Forces have de-  
15 ployed in support of the Global War on Terrorism,  
16 with more than 1,400,000 of them deploying more  
17 than once, and these Americans who volunteered in  
18 a time of war have served their country honorably  
19 and with distinction.

1           (3) In November 2009 there were fewer than  
2           100 al-Qaeda members remaining in Afghanistan.

3           (4) On May 2, 2011, Osama Bin Laden, the  
4           founder of al-Qaeda, was killed by the United States  
5           Armed Forces in Pakistan.

6           (5) United States Armed Forces have success-  
7           fully routed al-Qaeda from the battlefield in Afghan-  
8           istan, thus fulfilling the original intent of Public  
9           Law 107–40 and the justification for the invasion of  
10          Afghanistan, but public support for United States  
11          continued presence in Afghanistan has waned in re-  
12          cent years.

13          (6) An October 2018 poll found that 57 percent  
14          of Americans, including 69 percent of United States  
15          veterans, believe that all United States troops should  
16          be removed from Afghanistan.

17          (7) In June 2018, the Department of Defense  
18          reported, “The al-Qa’ida threat to the United States  
19          and its allies and partners has decreased and the  
20          few remaining al-Qa’ida core members are focused  
21          on their own survival”.

22          (b) PLAN REQUIRED.—Not later than 45 days after  
23          the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of  
24          Defense, or designee, in cooperation with the heads of all

1 other relevant Federal agencies involved in the conflict in  
2 Afghanistan shall—

3 (1)(A) formulate a plan for the orderly draw-  
4 down and withdrawal of all soldiers, sailors, airmen,  
5 and Marines from Afghanistan who were involved in  
6 operations intended to provide security to the people  
7 of Afghanistan, including policing action, or military  
8 actions against paramilitary organizations inside Af-  
9 ghanistan, excluding members of the military as-  
10 signed to support United States embassies or con-  
11 sulates, or intelligence operations authorized by Con-  
12 gress; and

13 (B) appear before the relevant congres-  
14 sional committees to explain the proposed im-  
15 plementation of the plan formulated under sub-  
16 paragraph (A); and

17 (2)(A) formulate a framework for political rec-  
18 onciliation and popular democratic elections inde-  
19 pendent of United States involvement in Afghani-  
20 stan, which may be used by the Government of Af-  
21 ghanistan to ensure that any political party that  
22 meets the requirements under Article 35 of the Con-  
23 stitution of Afghanistan is permitted to participate  
24 in general elections; and

1 (B) appear before the relevant congres-  
2 sional committees to explain the proposed im-  
3 plementation of the framework formulated  
4 under subparagraph (A).

5 (c) REMOVAL AND BONUSES.—Not later than 1 year  
6 after the date of the enactment of this Act—

7 (1) all United States Armed Forces in Afghani-  
8 stan as of such date of enactment shall be with-  
9 drawn and removed from Afghanistan; and

10 (2) the Secretary of Defense shall provide all  
11 members of the United States Armed Forces who  
12 were deployed in support of the Global War on Ter-  
13 ror with a \$2,500 bonus to recognize that these  
14 Americans have served in the Global War On Ter-  
15 rorism exclusively on a volunteer basis and to dem-  
16 onstrate the heartfelt gratitude of the country.

17 (d) REPEAL OF AUTHORIZATION FOR USE OF MILI-  
18 TARY FORCE.—The Authorization for Use of Military  
19 Force (Public Law 107–40) is repealed effective on the  
20 earlier of—

21 (1) the date that is 395 days after the date of  
22 the enactment of this Act; or

23 (2) the date on which the Secretary of Defense  
24 certifies that all United States Armed Forces in-  
25 volved in operations or military actions in Afghani-

1 stan (as described in subsection (a)(1)(A)) have de-  
2 parted from Afghanistan.

