

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 115-23
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Page 505, line 21, strike “The” and insert “Subject to the limitation in subsection (c), the”.

Page 506, after line 14, insert the following new subsection:

1 (c) LIMITATION.—The program of record in sub-
2 section (a) shall not be established, and none of the funds
3 authorized to be appropriated by this Act or otherwise
4 made available for fiscal year 2018 for this section may
5 be obligated or expended, until—

6 (1) the Secretary of Defense certifies to the
7 congressional defense committees, the Committee on
8 Foreign Relations of the Senate, and the Committee
9 on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives
10 that—

11 (A) a Nuclear Posture Review has been
12 completed after January 20, 2017;

13 (B) a ground-launched intermediate-range
14 missile is the preferred military system, in
15 terms of cost, capability, and command, control,
16 and communications arrangements, for ensur-

1 ing that the North Atlantic Treaty Organiza-
2 tion's overall deterrence and defense posture re-
3 mains credible, flexible, resilient, and adaptable
4 in the face of a deployed Russian ground-
5 launched intermediate-range missile; and

6 (C) a ground-launched intermediate-range
7 missile is the preferred military system for
8 maintaining strategic stability with the Russian
9 Federation at reasonable cost, while hedging
10 against potential technical problems or
11 vulnerabilities; and

12 (2) the Secretary of State certifies to the con-
13 gressional defense committees, the Committee on
14 Foreign Relations of the Senate, and the Committee
15 on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives
16 that—

17 (A) the program of record established in
18 subsection (a), and the expenditure of funds to
19 research or develop such a ground-launched in-
20 termediate-range missile, is necessary to the
21 Secretary of State's efforts to verifiably return
22 Russia to full compliance with the INF Treaty;

23 (B) at least one NATO Member State gov-
24 ernment, within a range appropriate to provide
25 counterforce capabilities to prevent inter-

1 mediate-range ground-launched missile attacks
2 against any NATO Party or to provide counter-
3 vailing strike capabilities to enhance the forces
4 of the United States or allies of the United
5 States, has completed the necessary legal and
6 constitutional requirements for an agreement to
7 host a ground-launched intermediate-range mis-
8 sile; and
9 (C) the North Atlantic Council has en-
10 dorsed the deployment of a ground-launched in-
11 termediate-range missile.

