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:

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

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

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

(B) a ground-launched intermediate-range missile is the preferred military system, in terms of cost, capability, and command, control, and communications arrangements, for ensur-
ing that the North Atlantic Treaty Organization’s overall deterrence and defense posture remains credible, flexible, resilient, and adaptable in the face of a deployed Russian ground-launched intermediate-range missile; and

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

(2) the Secretary of State certifies to the congressional defense committees, the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate, and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives that—

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

(B) at least one NATO Member State government, within a range appropriate to provide counterforce capabilities to prevent inter-
mediate-range ground-launched missile attacks against any NATO Party or to provide countervailing strike capabilities to enhance the forces of the United States or allies of the United States, has completed the necessary legal and constitutional requirements for an agreement to host a ground-launched intermediate-range missile; and

(C) the North Atlantic Council has endorsed the deployment of a ground-launched intermediate-range missile.