AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
FOR H.R. 4435
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At the end of subtitle F of title XII, add the following:

SEC. 12 . REPORT ON COLLECTIVE AND NATIONAL SECURITY IMPLICATIONS OF CENTRAL ASIAN AND SOUTH CAUCASUS ENERGY DEVELOPMENT.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

(1) Assured access to stable energy supplies is an enduring concern of both the United States and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).

(2) Adopted in Lisbon in November 2010, the new NATO Strategic Concept declares that “[s]ome NATO countries will become more dependent on foreign energy suppliers and in some cases, on foreign energy supply and distribution networks for their energy needs”.

(3) The report required by section 1233 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012 (Public Law 112–81) reaffirmed the Strategic Concept’s assessment of growing energy dependence of some members of the NATO alliance and also
noted there is value in the assured access, protection, and delivery of energy.

(4) Development of energy resources and transit routes in the areas surrounding the Caspian Sea can diversify sources of supply for members of the NATO alliance, particularly those in Eastern Europe.

(b) Report.—

(1) Report.—Not later than 270 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall, in consultation with the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Energy, submit to the appropriate congressional committees a detailed report on the implications of new energy resource development and distribution networks, both planned and under construction, in the areas surrounding the Caspian Sea for energy security strategies of the United States and NATO.

(2) Elements.—The report required by paragraph (1) shall include the following:

(A) An assessment of the dependence of NATO members on a single oil or natural gas supplier or distribution network.

(B) An assessment of the potential of energy resources of the areas surrounding the
Caspian Sea to mitigate such dependence on a single supplier or distribution network.

(C) Recommendations, if any, for ways in which the United States can help support increased energy security for NATO members.

(3) Submission of classified information.—The report under this subsection shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may contain a classified annex.

(c) Appropriate congressional committees defined.—In this section, the term “appropriate congressional committees” means—

(1) the Committee on Armed Services and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives; and

(2) the Committee on Armed Services and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate.