

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 116-

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At the end of subtitle B of title XXXI, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 31. ____. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON THE ABILITY AND**
2 **RIGHT OF THE UNITED STATES TO CONDUCT**
3 **A NUCLEAR TEST.**

4 It is the sense of Congress that—

5 (1) the United States must reserve the ability
6 and right to conduct a nuclear test if the United
7 States judges that the safety or reliability of the nu-
8 clear weapons stockpile of the United States cannot
9 otherwise be assured with the necessary high degree
10 of confidence; and

11 (2) a prohibition on funding to conduct or make
12 preparations for any explosive nuclear weapons test
13 that produces any yield would cause grave harm to
14 the security of the United States by—

15 (A) prohibiting a test in the event of a po-
16 tential stockpile failure, thereby undermining
17 the credibility of the nuclear deterrent of the
18 United States;

1 (B) sending a dangerous message to the
2 adversaries of the United States that are or
3 may be conducting low-yield nuclear tests; and

4 (C) arbitrarily and unilaterally restraining
5 the United States, which uses the nuclear um-
6 brella to help ensure freedom and stability.

