

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 116-19
OFFERED BY MR. CICILLINE OF RHODE ISLAND

At the appropriate place in subtitle G of title XII,
insert the following:

1 **SEC. 12 ____ . PROHIBITION OF UNAUTHORIZED MILITARY**
2 **FORCE IN OR AGAINST VENEZUELA.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection

4 (b), no Federal funds may be used for any use of military
5 force in or against Venezuela unless Congress has—

6 (1) declared war on Venezuela; or

7 (2) enacted specific statutory authorization for
8 such use of military force after the date of the en-
9 actment of this Act that meets the requirements of
10 the War Powers Resolution (50 U.S.C. 1541 et
11 seq.).

12 (b) EXCEPTIONS.—The prohibition under subsection
13 (a) shall not apply to a use of military force that is con-
14 sistent with section (2)(c) of the War Powers Resolution
15 (50 U.S.C.).

16 (c) RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
17 tion may be construed—

18 (1) to relieve the executive branch of restric-
19 tions on the use of force, reporting, or consultation

1 requirements set forth in the War Powers Resolution
2 (50 U.S.C. 1541 et seq.);

3 (2) to prevent the President from using nec-
4 essary and appropriate force to defend allies and
5 partners of the United States, if Congress enacts
6 specific statutory authorization for such use of force
7 consistent with the requirements of the War Powers
8 Resolution (50 U.S.C. 1541 et seq.);

9 (3) to prohibit the use of the Armed Forces of
10 the United States to rescue United States citizens in
11 Venezuela; or

12 (4) in accordance with section 1265 and 1266
13 of this Act, to authorize the use of military force.

14 (d) CLARIFICATION OF CURRENT LAW.—Nothing in
15 the Authorization for Use of Military Force (Public Law
16 107-40; 50 U.S.C. 1541 note), the Authorization for Use
17 of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution of 2002 (Public
18 Law 107-243; 50 U.S.C. 1541 note), or any other provi-
19 sion of law enacted before the date of the enactment of
20 this Act may be construed to provide authorization for the
21 use of military force against Venezuela.

