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:

SEC. 12. PROHIBITION OF UNAUTHORIZED MILITARY FORCE IN OR AGAINST VENEZUELA.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection (b), no Federal funds may be used for any use of military force in or against Venezuela unless Congress has—

(1) declared war on Venezuela; or

(2) enacted specific statutory authorization for such use of military force after the date of the enactment of this Act that meets the requirements of the War Powers Resolution (50 U.S.C. 1541 et seq.).

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

(c) RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section may be construed—

(1) to relieve the executive branch of restrictions on the use of force, reporting, or consultation
requirements set forth in the War Powers Resolution (50 U.S.C. 1541 et seq.);

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

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

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

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