

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 116-**

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At the end of subtitle G of title XII, add the following:

1 **SEC. 1273. ENHANCING ENGAGEMENT WITH THE CARIB-**  
2 **BEAN.**

3 It is the sense of Congress that—

4 (1) the prosperity and security of the Caribbean  
5 region is a matter of significant importance for the  
6 United States, and promotion of such should be a  
7 component of United States policy;

8 (2) the United States and the Caribbean region,  
9 due to both geographic proximity and close societal  
10 ties, are bound together by a variety of shared inter-  
11 ests, including with respect to—

12 (A) enhancing mutual resiliency and pre-  
13 paredness for natural disasters;

14 (B) coordinating humanitarian responses  
15 to such disasters;

16 (C) advancing trade, investment, academic  
17 exchange, and other cooperative efforts between  
18 the United States and the Caribbean region;

1 (D) enhancing Caribbean states' security  
2 and safeguarding territorial sovereignty, includ-  
3 ing from risks related to predatory financing;

4 (E) strengthening the rule of law, sup-  
5 porting civil society, and upholding human  
6 rights;

7 (F) addressing other mutual challenges, in-  
8 cluding hemispheric efforts to combat the  
9 coronavirus pandemic; and

10 (G) countering drug trafficking;

11 (3) in furtherance of these and other shared in-  
12 terests, the United States should strengthen its en-  
13 gagement with the Caribbean region; and

14 (4) the Department of State's and the Depart-  
15 ment of Defense's facilitation of such engagement is  
16 essential, given the role of the various agencies of  
17 the United States government in coordinating hu-  
18 manitarian responses and United States national se-  
19 curity.

