

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4310
OFFERED BY MR. COFFMAN OF COLORADO

At the end of title XII, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 12 ___. REMOVAL OF BRIGADE COMBAT TEAMS FROM**
2 **EUROPE.**

3 (a) FINDING.—Congress finds that, because defense
4 spending among European NATO countries fell 12% since
5 2008, from \$314 billion to \$275 billion, so that currently
6 only 4 out of the 28 NATO allies of the United States
7 are spending the widely agreed-to standard of 2% of their
8 GDP on defense, the United States must look to more
9 wisely allocate scarce resources to provide for the national
10 defense.

11 (b) REMOVAL AUTHORIZED.—The President is au-
12 thorized and requested to end the permanent basing of
13 units of the United States Armed Forces in European
14 member nations of the North Atlantic Treaty Organiza-
15 tion and return the four Brigade Combat Teams currently
16 stationed in Europe to the United States.

17 (c) USE OF ROTATIONAL FORCES TO SATISFY SECUR-
18 ITY NEEDS.—It is the policy of the United States that
19 the deployment of units of the United States Armed

1 Forces on a rotational basis at military installations in
2 European member nations of the North Atlantic Treaty
3 Organization pursuant to the Army Force Generation
4 (ARFORGEN) process is a force-structure arrangement
5 sufficient to permit the United States—

6 (1) to satisfy the commitments undertaken by
7 United States pursuant to Article 5 of the North At-
8 lantic Treaty, signed at Washington, District of Co-
9 lumbia, on April 4, 1949, and entered into force on
10 August 24, 1949 (63 Stat. 2241; TIAS 1964);

11 (2) to address the current security environment
12 in Europe; and

13 (3) to contribute to peace and stability in Eu-
14 rope.

