AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 116–19
OFFERED BY MR. CONNOLLY OF VIRGINIA

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

SEC. ___. EUROPEAN CENTER OF EXCELLENCE FOR COUNTERING HYBRID THREATS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Of the amounts authorized to be appropriated by this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall provide $2,000,000 for the European Center of Excellence for Countering Hybrid Threats (in this section referred to as the “Center”) to—

(1) enhance the ability of military forces and civilian personnel of countries participating in the Center to engage in joint hybrid warfare exercises or coalition or international military operations; and

(2) improve interoperability between the armed forces and the military forces of friendly foreign countries in the area of hybrid warfare.

(b) CERTIFICATION.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall—

(1) certify to the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate and the Committee on Armed Services
of the House of Representatives that the Secretary of Defense has assigned executive agent responsibilities for the Center to an appropriate organization within the Department of Defense; and

(2) detail the steps being undertaken to strengthen the role of the Center in fostering hybrid warfare defense capabilities and coordination within NATO and the European Union.

(e) FUNDING.—

(1) INCREASE.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 301 for operation and maintenance, Defense-wide, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4301, for Office of the Secretary of Defense, is hereby increased by $2,000,000.

(2) OFFSET.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 201 for research, development, test, and evaluation, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4201, for Advanced Innovative Technology, is hereby reduced by $2,000,000.