AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
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OFFERED BY MR. CONYERS OF MICHIGAN

At the end of subtitle A of title XII of division A, add the following:

SEC. ___. LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS FOR TRAINING, EQUIPMENT, OR OTHER ASSISTANCE FOR MEMBERS OF CERTAIN UNITS OF ORGANIZATIONS OR GROUPS IN UKRAINE.

(a) LIMITATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—None of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2015 for the Department of Defense may be obligated or expended for any training, equipment, or other assistance for the members of a unit of a security force, civilian militia, or other armed group in Ukraine, if—

(A) the Secretary of Defense has credible information that the unit or its members have taken public stances or taken actions that are indicative of extremism, including—

(i) opposition or hostility to the concept of liberal democracy;
(ii) opposition or hostility to the values of diversity and pluralism; and

(iii) praise or glorification of Nazism or its collaborators, including through the use of white supremacist, neo-Nazi, or other similar symbols; and

(B) the Secretary of Defense determines the unit has not taken necessary corrective steps to repudiate or rectify such stances or actions by the unit or its members, including initiating internal processes, legal processes, or disciplinary processes, as appropriate, not later than 7 days after the date on which the unit receives notice of such stances or actions.

(2) CREDIBLE INFORMATION.—The Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretary of State, shall ensure that prior to making a determination to provide any training, equipment, or other assistance for the members of a unit of a security force, civilian militia, or other armed group in Ukraine full consideration is given to any credible information available to the Department of State relating to any evidence of such extremist stances or actions by a unit of such organization or group or its members.
(b) EXCEPTION.—The limitation in subsection (a)(1) shall not apply with respect to a unit of an organization of group if the Secretary of Defense, after consultation with the Secretary of State, determines that the equipment or other assistance is necessary to assist in disaster relief operations or other humanitarian or national security emergencies.

(c) WAIVER.—The Secretary of Defense, after consultation with the Secretary of State, may waive the limitation in subsection (a)(1) if the Secretary of Defense determines that such waiver is required by extraordinary circumstances.

(d) REPORT.—Not more than 15 days after the application of any exception under subsection (b) or the exercise of any waiver under subsection (c), the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report—

(1) in the case of an exception under subsection (b), providing—

(A) notice of the use of the exception; and

(B) the grounds for the exception; and

(2) in the case of a waiver under subsection (c),

describing—

(A) the information relating to such extremist stances or actions;
(B) the extraordinary or other circumstances that necessitate the waiver;

(C) the purpose and duration of the training, equipment, or other assistance; and

(D) the United States forces and the Ukrainian security force unit involved.