AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
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At the end of subtitle B of title XII, add the following:

1  SEC. __. SENSE OF CONGRESS.
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   (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:
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      (1) The people of Afghanistan have taken the
4     lead in providing for the security of their country
5     and the successful elections are a positive step in the
6     self-determination of the future of Afghanistan.
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      (2) However, no country can be successful in
8     the long-term if a majority of its population is not
9     included in the dialogue and decision-making of such
10    country.
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      (3) The women of Afghanistan have made histor-
12    ic strides in the last several years and the elec-
13    tions prove that the women need and have a right
14    to have a voice in the future of Afghanistan.
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      (4) To that end, the women of Afghanistan are
16    vital to the development of Afghanistan and the na-
17    tional security of Afghanistan;
(5) Women are needed to serve Afghanistan in the Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF), not just for the future standing of women in society, but for cultural reasons.

(6) Therefore, it is important that Afghanistan move forward in increasing the number of women in the ANSF with the current facilities and capacity to meet the requirements Afghanistan has proposed to achieve.

(b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) the allocation of $25,000,000 for fiscal year 2014 for the ANSF should be prioritized for the recruitment, retention, and training of women in the ANSF;

(2) current facilities to support women in the ANSF should be fully utilized before additional infrastructure is constructed;

(3) the Government of Afghanistan should ensure that the fund provided prioritize efforts to increase the number of women serving in the ANSF, as proposed in the Master Ministerial Development Plan for Afghan National Army (ANA) Gender Integration;
as part of such plan, the conversion of the
13,000 women that were trained to support the elec-
tions is an important step in increasing the number
of women in the ANSF;

(5) the United Nations Assistance Mission in
Afghanistan’s report, “A Way to Go: An Update on
Implementation of the Law on Elimination of Vio-
ence Against Women in Afghanistan”, should be in-
tegrated into efforts to enable women to serve in the
ANSF; and

(6) the United States should continue to advo-
icate for the rights and participation of women in Af-
ghanistan in all levels of government and society.