

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
FOR H.R. 1735
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Page 528, after line 2, insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. 1092. NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON**
2 **HOSTAGE RECOVERY; INTERAGENCY GROUP**
3 **ON HOSTAGES.**

4 (a) NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON
5 HOSTAGE RECOVERY.—

6 (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—Section 101 of the Na-
7 tional Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3021) is
8 amended by adding at the end the following new
9 subsection:

10 “(m) COMMITTEE ON HOSTAGE RECOVERY.—(1)
11 There is established within the National Security Council
12 a committee to be known as the Committee on Hostage
13 Recovery (in this subsection referred to as the ‘Com-
14 mittee’).

15 “(2) The Committee shall consist of the following
16 members (or designees):

17 “(A) An individual who is appointed by the
18 President to serve as chair of the Committee.

1 “(B) The Secretary of State.

2 “(C) The Secretary of the Treasury.

3 “(D) The Secretary of Defense.

4 “(E) The Attorney General.

5 “(F) The Director of the Federal Bureau of In-
6 vestigation.

7 “(G) The Director of National Intelligence.

8 “(H) The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of
9 Staff.

10 “(I) The Assistant to the President for Na-
11 tional Security Affairs.

12 “(3) The functions of the Committee shall include—

13 “(A) coordinating among the departments and
14 agencies of the Federal Government and coordi-
15 nating among the United States and the allies of the
16 United States regarding retrieval of United States
17 person hostages;

18 “(B) coordinating with the Interagency Fusion
19 Cell on Hostage Recovery;

20 “(C) developing strategies and guidelines for
21 hostage retrieval and analyzing all options and
22 methods of rescue;

23 “(D) developing policies and procedures to ef-
24 fectively share information between departments and

1 agencies of the Federal Government responsible for
2 activities relating to hostage rescue; and

3 “(E) developing a strategy to keep family mem-
4 bers of United States person hostages informed of
5 the status of such hostages and inform such family
6 members of updates, procedures, and policies that do
7 not compromise the national security of the United
8 States.

9 “(4) The chair of the Committee may not have duties
10 or responsibilities in the Federal Government other than
11 such duties or responsibilities relating to serving as the
12 chair of the Committee.

13 “(5)(A) On a quarterly basis, the Committee shall
14 submit to the appropriate congressional committees and
15 the members of Congress described in subparagraph (B)
16 a report that includes a summary of—

17 “(i) the general activities of the Committee and
18 the Interagency Fusion Cell on Hostage Recovery
19 during the period covered by the report; and

20 “(ii) specific actions conducted during such pe-
21 riod by the Committee and the Interagency Fusion
22 Cell on Hostage Recovery with respect to United
23 States person hostages.

24 “(B) The members of Congress described in this sub-
25 paragraph are, with respect to a United States person hos-

1 tage covered by a report under subparagraph (A), the Sen-
2 ators representing the State, and the Member, Delegate,
3 or Resident Commissioner of the House of Representatives
4 representing the district, that includes the United States
5 person hostage.

6 “(C) Each report under subparagraph (A) may be
7 submitted in classified form.

8 “(6) The Committee shall be exempt from section
9 552 of title 5, United States Code.

10 “(7) In this subsection:

11 “(A) The term ‘Interagency Fusion Cell on
12 Hostage Recovery’ means the Interagency Fusion
13 Cell on Hostage Recovery established by section
14 119C of this Act.

15 “(B) The term ‘United States person hostage’
16 means a citizen of the United States or an alien law-
17 fully admitted for permanent residence (as defined
18 in section 101(a)(20) of the Immigration and Na-
19 tionality Act) who has been abducted or is suspected
20 of having been abducted outside of the United
21 States or is being held outside of the United
22 States.”.

23 (2) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of
24 Congress that the President should appoint a Spe-
25 cial Advisor on Hostage Affairs who—

1 (A) serves as the chair of the Committee
2 on Hostage Recovery of the National Security
3 Council;

4 (B) has extensive experience in foreign pol-
5 icy, counterterrorism, and hostage recovery; and

6 (C) serves (or the designee of the Special
7 Advisor serves) as a primary liaison between
8 the Federal Government and the family of a
9 United States person hostage (as defined in
10 subsection (m) of section 101 of the National
11 Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3021), as
12 added by paragraph (1) of this subsection).

13 (3) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this
14 subsection, or the amendment made by this sub-
15 section, shall be construed as authorizing the Fed-
16 eral Government to negotiate with a state sponsor of
17 terrorism, an organization that the Secretary of
18 State has designated as a foreign terrorist organiza-
19 tion pursuant to section 219 of the Immigration and
20 Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1189), or any other hos-
21 tage taker.

22 (b) INTERAGENCY GROUP ON HOSTAGES.—

23 (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—Title I of the National
24 Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3021 et seq.) is
25 amended by adding at the end the following:

1 **“SEC. 119C. INTERAGENCY GROUP ON HOSTAGES.**

2 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established an
3 interagency group on hostages to be known as the ‘Inter-
4 agency Fusion Cell on Hostage Recovery’.

5 “(b) DIRECTOR.—The chair of the Committee on
6 Hostage Recovery established by section 101(m) of this
7 Act shall serve as the director of the Interagency Fusion
8 Cell on Hostage Recovery.

9 “(c) DUTIES.—The Interagency Fusion Cell on Hos-
10 tage Recovery shall execute the strategies regarding hos-
11 tage retrieval of the Committee on Hostage Recovery.

12 “(d) ELEMENTS.—The Interagency Fusion Cell on
13 Hostage Recovery shall be composed of officials of the fol-
14 lowing departments or agencies of the Federal Govern-
15 ment who are proficient in hostage recovery strategy:

16 “(1) The Department of State.

17 “(2) The Department of the Treasury.

18 “(3) The Department of Defense.

19 “(4) The Federal Bureau of Investigation.

20 “(5) The Office of the Director of National In-
21 telligence.

22 “(6) Other departments or agencies of the Fed-
23 eral Government with relevant expertise.

24 “(e) REPORTING.—The Interagency Fusion Cell on
25 Hostage Recovery shall report to the Committee on Hos-
26 tage Recovery.”.

1 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of con-
2 tents for such Act is amended by inserting after the
3 item relating to section 119B the following new
4 item:

“Sec. 119C. Interagency group on hostages.”.

