

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 116-19
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At the appropriate place in subtitle G of title XII,
insert the following:

1 **SEC. 12 ____ . MODIFICATION TO DEFINITIONS IN THE WAR**
2 **POWERS RESOLUTION.**

3 Section 8(e) of the War Powers Resolution (50
4 U.S.C. 1547) is amended to read as follows:

5 “(c) For purposes of this joint resolution—

6 “(1) the term ‘United States Armed Forces’—

7 “(A) has the meaning given the term
8 ‘armed forces’ in section 101 of title 10, United
9 States Code; and

10 “(B) includes all civilian personnel of the
11 Department of Defense;

12 “(2) the term ‘hostilities’ means a situation
13 where any of the following acts are taking place, re-
14 gardless of whether the United States Armed Forces
15 are directly participating in such attacks, the ex-
16 change of fire, or bombardment:

17 “(A) The conduct of attacks or exchange
18 of fire between regular or irregular military
19 forces.

1 “(B) The aerial, naval, or ground bom-
2 bardment of, or other conduct of attacks
3 against, military or civilian targets by regular
4 or irregular military forces.

5 “(C) The deployment of the United States
6 Armed Forces for defensive or offensive oper-
7 ations.

8 “(D) Any situation where there exists an
9 imminent threat that any act described in sub-
10 paragraph (A), (B), or (C) will take place.

11 “(3) the term ‘imminent’ means a situation
12 where the use of force by the United States Armed
13 Forces is instant, overwhelming, and leaving no
14 choice of means and no moment for deliberation;
15 and

16 “(4) the term ‘introduce’ means—

17 “(A) any commitment, engagement, de-
18 ployment, or other involvement of the United
19 States Armed Forces in hostilities, including
20 the taking of self-defense measures by the
21 Armed Forces in response to an attack or
22 threat of attack ;

23 “(B) the assigning or detailing of members
24 of the United States Armed Forces to com-
25 mand, coordinate, participate in the movement

1 of, accompany, provide intelligence, or provide
2 logistical support or training for any foreign,
3 regular or irregular, military or police forces if
4 those foreign forces are involved in hostilities
5 (regardless of whether those hostilities involve
6 insurgent forces or the military forces of a for-
7 eign country); or

8 “(C) the assigning or detailing of any
9 member of the United States Armed Forces to
10 an operation authorized by the United Nations
11 Security Council under chapter VII of the
12 United Nations Charter.”.

