

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 115-

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Page 381, after line 9, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 861. PROCUREMENT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CEN-**
2 **TERS.**

3 (a) AUTHORIZATION TO FORM ASSOCIATION.—Pro-
4 curement Technical Assistance Centers are authorized to
5 form an association to pursue matters of common concern.

6 (b) RECOGNITION BY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.—If
7 more than half of the Procurement Technical Assistance
8 Centers which are operating pursuant to agreements with
9 the Department of Defense are members of such an asso-
10 ciation, the Secretary of Defense shall—

11 (1) recognize the existence and activities of
12 such an association; and

13 (2) consult with it and develop documents—

14 (A) announcing the annual scope of activi-
15 ties pursuant to this section,

16 (B) requesting proposals to deliver assist-
17 ance as provided in this section, and

18 (C) governing the general operations and
19 administration of the Procurement Technical

1 Assistance Program, specifically including the
2 development of regulations and a uniform nego-
3 tiated cooperative agreement for use on an an-
4 nual basis when entering into individual nego-
5 tiated agreements with Procurement Technical
6 Assistance Centers.

