AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT FOR H.R. 4435

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Add at the end of subtitle F of title XII of division A the following:

SEC. 1266. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON NIGERIA AND BOKO HARAM.

3 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following find-4 ings:

5 (1) In recent years, Boko Haram has furthered
6 violence and instability in Nigeria and bordering
7 countries.

8 (2) The terrorist group known as "Boko 9 Haram," which translates to "Western education is 10 forbidden," perpetrates violent attacks in Nigeria 11 and has grown in strength and sophistication since 12 its founding in 2002.

(3) Boko Haram kidnapped over 200 female
students on April 14, 2014, killed over 50 male students on February 25, 2014, and continues to violently attack innocent civilians throughout Nigeria.

17 (4) Boko Haram has previously attacked West-18 ern interests, bombing the United Nations building

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in Abuja on August 26, 2011, and was affiliated
 with taking Western hostages in Bauchi on Feb ruary 16, 2013, and later killing seven hostages.

4 (5) As stated by United States Ambassador to 5 Nigeria Terrence P. McCulley in 2012, the threat of 6 Boko Haram is growing: "We've seen an increase in 7 sophistication, we've seen increased lethality. We 8 saw at least a part of the group has decided it's in 9 their interest to attack the international commu-10 nity.".

(6) In June 2012, the Department of State
added three leaders of Boko Haram, Abubakar
Shekau, Abubakar Adam Kambar, and Khalid alBarnawi, to the Specially Designated Global Terrorist list.

16 (7) In November 2013, the Department of
17 State designated Boko Haram and its splinter
18 group, Ansaru, as Foreign Terrorist Organizations.

19 (8) Boko Haram shares the ideological designs
20 of al Qaeda, and has made public pledges of support
21 to Osama bin Laden, al-Qaeda, and al-Shabaab.

(9) Boko Haram poses a broader threat to interests in Nigeria, the Sahel, Europe, and the
United States.

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(b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—In light of the findings 1 2 specified in subsection (a), it is the sense of Congress that the Secretary of Defense should— 3 4 (1) take appropriate action with allies and partners of the United States to fight Boko Haram's vi-5 olence and ideology; 6 7 (2) partner with Nigeria's regional neighbors to counter Boko Haram's cross-border activity and re-8 spond to emerging threats; and 9 10 (3) develop a long-term, interagency strategy to combat Boko Haram and Ansaru, reassess United 11 States assistance to Nigeria, and brief Congress on 12

13 this strategy.

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