

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 119–8**  
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**PENNSYLVANIA**

At the end of subtitle A of title XIII, add the following:

**1 SEC. 13\_. STATEMENT OF POLICY.**

2 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

3 (1) The United States reaffirms its unwavering  
4 commitment to Ukraine’s sovereignty, independence,  
5 and territorial integrity within its internationally  
6 recognized borders as established in 1991. Russia  
7 has illegally and forcibly occupied and annexed Cri-  
8 mea, Donetsk, Luhansk, Zaporizhzhia, and Kherson.  
9 Since 2014, Russia has flagrantly violated the  
10 United Nations Charter and international law  
11 through its war of aggression and illegal occupation.

12 (2) The United States upholds the principle of  
13 “ex injuria jus non oritur”—illegal acts create no  
14 legal rights—and that no unlawful act can become  
15 legal through force, coercion, or passage of time.  
16 Ukraine’s borders and lands remain Ukrainian re-  
17 gardless of any act of war, coercion, or political ma-  
18 nipulation.

1           (3) As with the Welles Declaration of 1940, the  
2       United States categorically rejects Russia's terri-  
3       torial claims made through aggression and sham  
4       referenda.

5       (b) STATEMENT OF POLICY.—It shall be the exclu-  
6       sive policy of the Government of the United States to not  
7       recognize, nor commit any action that implies recognition  
8       of, claims made by the Russia Federation over the sov-  
9       ereign Ukrainian territories it occupies, including Crimea,  
10      Donetsk, Luhansk, Zaporizhzhia, and Kherson.

