Amendment to the Rules Committee Print

For H.R. 4435
Offered by Mr. Garamendi of California

At the appropriate place in subtitle E of title XII of division A, insert the following:

SEC. __. MATTERS RELATING TO COMBATING WILDLIFE TRAFFICKING.

(a) ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER 13648.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—If the President continues to implement Executive Order 13648 (78 Fed. Reg. 40619; relating to combating wildlife trafficking), or any related or successor executive order, on or after the date of the enactment of this Act, the President shall take the actions described in paragraphs (2) and (3) with respect to such Executive Order.

(2) CO-CHAIRS OF TASK FORCE.—The President shall direct the addition of the Secretary of Defense as a Co-Chair of the Task Force.

(3) FUNCTIONS.—The President shall direct the Task Force to perform the following functions:

(A) Address the important role the military can play in fulfilling the goals of the Strat-
egy and address the national security concerns
presented by wildlife trafficking networks.

(B) Coordinate with the Department of
Defense to evaluate the effectiveness and dis-
tribution of funds to foreign countries for wild-
life trafficking assistance.

(C) Update the 2012 strategy of the De-
partment of State and the United States Agen-
cy for International Development to integrate
information systems from the Department of
Defense and other relevant Federal agencies
that can provide further expertise on
transnational crime networks involved in wild-
life trafficking.

(D) Carry out a follow-up initiative on the
National Intelligence Estimate regarding wild-
life trafficking security threats that incor-
porates the Department of Defense and the po-
tential role of the military and intelligence com-
munity in combating wildlife trafficking.

(E) Combine data from the Department of
Defense, the Department of State, the United
States Agency for International Development,
the Fish and Wildlife Service of the Depart-
ment of the Interior, and the National Marine
Fisheries Service of the Department of Commerce for a more successful international information system relating to wildlife trafficking.

(F) Investigate technologies that the Department of Defense can supply to foreign governments to combat poaching and submit to the President a report on progress to achieve this objective.

(4) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

(A) STRATEGY.—The term “Strategy” means the National Strategy for Combating Wildlife Trafficking developed and implemented pursuant to Executive Order 13648 (78 Fed. Reg. 40619; relating to combating wildlife trafficking).

(B) TASK FORCE.—The term “Task Force” means Presidential Task Force on Wildlife Trafficking established pursuant to section 2 of Executive Order 13648.

(C) WILDLIFE TRAFFICKING.—The term “wildlife trafficking” has the meaning given the term in section 1 of Executive Order 13648.

(b) INCORPORATING WILDLIFE TRAFFICKING AS A UNITED STATES NATIONAL SECURITY CONCERN.—The President shall take such actions as may be necessary to—
(1) expand the Strategy to Combat Transnational Organized Crime (July 2011) to cover wildlife trafficking terrorist and insurgent networks and authorize the consideration of such networks as a security priority;

(2) authorize the Department of Defense to evaluate wildlife trafficking as a non-traditional security issue that threatens United States national security and require the Department of Defense to submit to Congress a report regarding progress during and the results after evaluating the threat of wildlife trafficking as a non-traditional human security issue;

(3) authorize the Department of Defense to establish and carry out a grant program to transfer excess defense articles to allied countries that are combating wildlife trafficking;

(4) authorize the Department of Defense to target financial and asset flows of organized criminal syndicates, insurgents, and terrorist networks that are involved in any aspect of wildlife trafficking; and

(5) authorize the expansion of security cooperation programs to include funds for wildlife trafficking training and equipment.
(c) **ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS UNDER TRAINING AND EDUCATION.**—

(1) **REGIONAL DEFENSE COMBATING TERRORISM FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM.**—The Secretary of Defense shall ensure that the Regional Defense Combating Terrorism Program includes instruction on targeting the security threats of terrorist groups engaged in illegal wildlife trafficking.

(2) **PARTNERSHIP FOR INTEGRATED LOGISTICS OPERATIONS AND TACTICS.**—The Secretary of Defense shall expand the Partnership for Integrated Logistics Operations and Tactics to build long-term operational logistics between the Armed Forces of the United States and the Afghan Security Forces to include cooperation for operations combating wildlife trafficking networks.