

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 118–36
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At the end of subtitle D of title XII, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 12___ . PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN ASSISTANCE TO**
2 **UGANDA.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—None of the funds authorized to
4 be appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available
5 to the Department of Defense are authorized to be made
6 available to provide assistance for the Uganda Police
7 Force or Uganda People’s Defense Force, including assist-
8 ance in the form of equipment or training or to coordinate
9 joint exercises with such groups, until the Secretary of
10 State certifies to the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the
11 House of Representatives and the Committee on Foreign
12 Relations of the Senate that the Government of Uganda
13 has—

14 (1) investigated and successfully prosecuted
15 members of the Uganda People’s Defense Force who
16 have violated human rights, including the killing and
17 torture of opposition groups, ensured that army per-

1 sonnel cooperated with judicial authorities in such
2 cases, and affirmed that such violations have ceased;

3 (2) established that neither the Uganda Police
4 Force nor the Uganda People’s Defense Force are
5 engaged in the persecution of LGBTQIA+ persons
6 or the enforcement of the Anti-Homosexuality act;

7 (3) established that the Uganda Police Force
8 and Uganda People’s Defense Force effectively pro-
9 tect the rights of trade unionists, journalists, human
10 rights defenders, critics of the government, faith and
11 religious leaders, and other civil society activists to
12 operate without interference; and

13 (4) taken effective steps to guarantee a judicial
14 system that is capable of investigating, prosecuting,
15 and bringing to justice members of the police and
16 military who have committed human rights abuses.

17 (b) WAIVER.—The President may, on a case-by-case
18 basis and for periods not to exceed 180 days each, waive
19 the prohibition under subsection (a) if the President cer-
20 tifies to the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House
21 of Representatives and the Committee on Foreign Rela-
22 tions of the Senate, not later than 15 days before such
23 waiver is to take effect, that such waiver is vital to the

1 national security interests of the United States or its part-
2 ners and allies.

