

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 116-57
OFFERED BY MR. HASTINGS OF FLORIDA

At the end of subtitle D of title XII, add the following:

1 **SEC. 12 ____ . SENSE OF CONGRESS ON THE OPEN SKIES**
2 **TREATY.**

3 It is the sense of Congress that—

4 (1) the decision to withdraw from the Treaty on
5 Open Skies, done at Helsinki March 24, 1992, and
6 entered into force January 1, 2002—

7 (A) did not comply with the requirement in
8 section 1234(a) of the National Defense Au-
9 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (133 Stat.
10 1648; 22 U.S.C. 2593a note) to notify Congress
11 not fewer than 120 days prior to any such an-
12 nouncement;

13 (B) was made without asserting material
14 breach of the Treaty by any other Treaty signa-
15 tory; and

16 (C) was made over the objections of NATO
17 allies and regional partners;

18 (2) confidence and security building measures
19 that are designed to reduce the risk of conflict, in-

1 crease trust among participating countries, and con-
2 tribute to military transparency remain vital to the
3 strategic interests of our NATO allies and partners
4 and should continue to play a central role as the
5 United States engages in the region to promote
6 transatlantic security; and

7 (3) while the United States must always con-
8 sider the national security benefits of remaining in
9 any treaty, responding to Russian violations of trea-
10 ty protocols should be prioritized through inter-
11 national engagement and robust diplomatic action.

