

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 119-

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OFFERED BY MR. HILL OF ARKANSAS

At the end of subtitle D of title I, add the following
new section:

1 **SEC. 1 ____ . MINIMUM INVENTORY REQUIREMENT FOR MQ-**
2 **9 AIRCRAFT.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection
4 (b), during the covered period the Secretary of the Air
5 Force—

6 (1) shall maintain a total inventory of MQ-9
7 aircraft of not less than 166 aircraft; and

8 (2) may not reduce the number of MQ-9
9 ground control stations assigned to the National
10 Guard.

11 (b) EXCEPTION.—The Secretary of the Air Force
12 may reduce the number of MQ-9 aircraft in the inventory
13 of the Air Force below the number specified in subsection
14 (a)(1) if the Secretary certifies to the Committees on
15 Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Represent-
16 atives that—

17 (1) the Secretary consulted with the combatant
18 commanders regarding the reduction; and

1 (2) each combatant commander consented to
2 the reduction.

3 (c) COVERED PERIOD DEFINED.—In this section, the
4 term “covered period” means the period beginning on the
5 date of the enactment of this Act and ending on October
6 1, 2027.

