AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
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Page 528, after line 2, insert the following:

SEC. 1092. INTERAGENCY HOSTAGE RECOVERY COORDINATOR.

(a) Interagency Hostage Recovery Coordinator.—

(1) In general.—Not later than 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the President shall designate an existing Federal officer to coordinate efforts to secure the release of United States persons who are hostages of hostile groups or state sponsors of terrorism. For purposes of carrying out the duties described in paragraph (2), such officer shall have the title of “Interagency Hostage Recovery Coordinator”.

(2) Duties.—The Coordinator shall have the following duties:

(A) Coordinate and direct all activities of the Federal Government relating to each hostage situation described in paragraph (1) to ensure efforts to secure the release of all hostages
in the hostage situation are properly resourced and correct lines of authority are established and maintained.

(B) Establish and direct a fusion cell consisting of appropriate personnel of the Federal Government with purview over each hostage situation described in paragraph (1).

(C) Develop a strategy to keep family members of hostages described in paragraph (1) informed of the status of such hostages and inform such family members of updates, procedures, and policies that do not compromise the national security of the United States.

(b) LIMITATION ON AUTHORITY.—The authority of the Interagency Hostage Recovery Coordinator shall be limited to countries that are state sponsors of terrorism and areas designated as hazardous for which hostile fire and imminent danger pay are payable to members of the Armed Forces for duty performed in such area.

(c) QUARTERLY REPORT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—On a quarterly basis, the Coordinator shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees and the members of Congress described in paragraph (2) a report that includes a summary of each hostage situation described in sub-
section (a)(1) and efforts to secure the release of all
hostages in such hostage situation.

(2) MEMBERS OF CONGRESS DESCRIBED.—The
members of Congress described in this subparagraph
are, with respect to a United States person hostage
covered by a report under paragraph (1), the Sen-
ators representing the State, and the Member, Dele-
gate, or Resident Commissioner of the House of
Representatives representing the district, where a
hostage described in subsection (a)(1) resides.

(3) FORM OF REPORT.—Each report under
this subsection may be submitted in classified or un-
classified form.

(d) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
tion shall be construed as authorizing the Federal Govern-
ment to negotiate with a state sponsor of terrorism or an
organization that the Secretary of State has designated
as a foreign terrorist organization pursuant to section 219

(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) COORDINATOR.—The term “Coordinator”
means the Interagency Hostage Recovery Coordi-
nator designated under subsection (a).

(2) HOSTILE GROUP.—The term “hostile
group” means—
(A) a group that is designated as a foreign terrorist organization under section 219(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1189(a));

(B) a group that is engaged in armed conflict with the United States; or

(C) any other group that the President determines to be a hostile group for purposes of this paragraph.

(3) STATE SPONSOR OF TERRORISM.—The term "state sponsor of terrorism"—

(A) means a country the government of which the Secretary of State has determined, for purposes of section 6(j) of the Export Administration Act of 1979, section 620A of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, section 40 of the Arms Export Control Act, or any other provision of law, to be a government that has repeatedly provided support for acts of international terrorism; and

(B) includes North Korea.