

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 115-

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

1 **SEC. 1___ . LIMITATION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR**
2 **THE ENHANCED MULTI MISSION PARACHUTE**
3 **SYSTEM.**

4 (a) **LIMITATION.**—None of the funds authorized to
5 be appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available
6 for the Department of Defense for fiscal year 2018 for
7 the enhanced multi mission parachute system may be used
8 to enter into, or to prepare to enter into, a contract for
9 the procurement of such parachute system until the date
10 on which the Secretary of the Navy submits to the con-
11 gressional defense committees the certification described
12 in subsection (b) and the report described in subsection
13 (c).

14 (b) **CERTIFICATION.**—The certification described in
15 this subsection is a certification by the Secretary of the
16 Navy that—

17 (1) neither the Marine Corps' currently fielded
18 enhanced multi mission parachute system nor the

1 Army's RA-1 parachute system meet the Marine
2 Corps requirements;

3 (2) the Marine Corps' PARIS, Special Applica-
4 tion Parachute does not meet the Marine Corps re-
5 quirements;

6 (3) the testing plan for the enhanced multi mis-
7 sion parachute system meets all regulatory require-
8 ments; and

9 (4) the Department of the Navy has performed
10 an analysis and determined that a high glide canopy
11 parachute system is not more prone to malfunctions
12 than the currently fielded free fall parachute sys-
13 tems.

14 (c) REPORT.—The report described in this subsection
15 is a report that includes—

16 (1) an explanation of the rationale for using the
17 Parachute Industry Association specification nor-
18 mally used for sports parachutes that are employed
19 from relatively slow flying civilian aircraft at alti-
20 tudes below 10,000 feet for a military parachute;

21 (2) an inventory and cost estimate for any new
22 equipment and training that the Marine Corps will
23 have to be acquire in order to employ a high glide
24 parachute;

1 (3) an explanation of why the Department of
2 the Navy is conducting a paper down select and not
3 conducting any testing until first article testing; and

4 (4) a discussion of the risk assessment for high
5 glide canopies, and specifically how the Department
6 of the Navy is mitigating the risk for malfunctions
7 experienced in other high glide canopy programs.

