

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 119–8**  
**OFFERED BY MR. ISSA OF CALIFORNIA**

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

**1 SEC. 12\_\_\_\_. LIMITATIONS ON SECURITY COOPERATION**  
**2 WITH THE LEBANESE ARMED FORCES.**

**3 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—**It is the sense of Con-  
**4 gress that—**

**5 (1)** United States security cooperation with  
**6 Lebanon** must be directed toward the full implemen-  
**7 tation** of United Nations Security Council Resolution  
**8 1701 (2006)** and the disarmament of Hezbollah;

**9 (2)** enhanced advise-and-assist missions, cou-  
**10 pled** with intelligence-sharing agreements, are nec-  
**11 essary** to enable the Lebanese armed forces (LAF)  
**12 to** detect, disrupt, and dismantle Hezbollah’s weap-  
**13 ons** stockpiles, smuggling routes, and command net-  
**14 works; and**

**15 (3)** any United States assistance must be ac-  
**16 companied** by strict monitoring, end-use verification,  
**17 and** conditioning to ensure that resources are used  
**18 only** to strengthen the Lebanese state and not di-  
**19 verted** to Hezbollah or other malign actors.

1 (b) AUTHORITY.—The Secretary of Defense, in co-  
2 ordination with the Secretary of State, is authorized to—

3 (1) expand advise-and-assist missions with the  
4 LAF, including through special operations forces  
5 and other appropriate units, for the purposes of—

6 (A) enhancing counter-rocket, counter-tun-  
7 nel, and border security operations;

8 (B) supporting interdiction of illicit Ira-  
9 nian weapons shipments; or

10 (C) improving command, control, and intel-  
11 ligence fusion centers for operations against  
12 Hezbollah and other designated terrorist orga-  
13 nizations; and

14 (2) establish intelligence-sharing agreements  
15 with the LAF, subject to appropriate security safe-  
16 guards, to facilitate—

17 (A) real-time situational awareness of  
18 Hezbollah military infrastructure;

19 (B) interdiction of cross-border weapons  
20 smuggling; and

21 (C) joint operational planning in coordina-  
22 tion with the United Nations Interim Force in  
23 Lebanon where appropriate.

24 (c) LIMITATION ON ASSISTANCE.—None of the funds  
25 authorized to be appropriated by this Act for the Depart-

1 ment of Defense or otherwise made available for fiscal  
2 year 2026 may be obligated or expended to support the  
3 LAF unless the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with  
4 the Secretary of State, certifies to the congressional de-  
5 fense committees that—

6 (1) United States assistance is used exclusively  
7 for operations against Hezbollah, Hamas, ISIS, or  
8 other designated foreign terrorist organizations;

9 (2) the LAF has demonstrated progress in as-  
10 suming operational control south of the Litani River  
11 and dismantling unauthorized armed checkpoints or  
12 depots; and

13 (3) end-use monitoring and vetting mechanisms  
14 are in place to prevent diversion of assistance to  
15 Hezbollah or affiliated entities.

