

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 117-54
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At the appropriate place in title LVIII, insert the following:

1 **SEC. ____ . SENSE OF CONGRESS ON THE ESTABLISHMENT**
2 **OF A NEGOTIATIONS SUPPORT UNIT.**

3 It is the sense of Congress that—

4 (1) there is a need for the United States Gov-
5 ernment to maintain a permanent institutional hub
6 for technical expertise, strategic advice, and knowl-
7 edge management in negotiations, mediation, and
8 peace processes in order to prioritize and invest in
9 diplomacy;

10 (2) the United States plays a unique role in en-
11 abling and supporting peace negotiations and com-
12 plex political negotiations, the success of which are
13 essential to stability and democracy around the
14 world;

15 (3) the meaningful engagement of conflict-af-
16 fected communities is vital to durable,
17 implementable, and sustainable peace;

18 (4) negotiation is a specific technical and func-
19 tional skillset, and thus institutional expertise in this

1 practice area should include trained practitioners
2 and subject matter experts;

3 (5) such skills should be employed as the
4 United States advises and contributes to peace proc-
5 esses, including those where the United States plays
6 a supporting role or is led by multilateral and inter-
7 national partners; and

8 (6) training programs for United States dip-
9 lomats should draw upon this expertise and United
10 States lessons learned to help equip diplomats with
11 skills to respond to peace processes and complex po-
12 litical negotiations, and how to request support.

