

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 118-

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Strike section 152 and insert the following:

1 **SEC. 1 ____ . LIMITATION ON CHANGES TO A-10 AIRCRAFT IN-**
2 **VENTORY PENDING REPORT AND CERTIFI-**
3 **CATION.**

4 (a) **LIMITATION.**—Notwithstanding any other provi-
5 sion of law, the Secretary of the Air Force may not retire,
6 prepare to retire, or place in storage or on backup aircraft
7 inventory status any A-10 aircraft until the date on
8 which—

9 (1) the report required under section 148(c) of
10 the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal
11 Year 2024 (Public Law 118-31; 137 Stat. 178) is
12 submitted to the congressional defense committees;
13 and

14 (2) the Secretary certifies to the congressional
15 defense committees that the Secretary has a plan to
16 procure F-15EX, F-35A, or F-16 Block 70/72
17 fighter aircraft to maintain the current fighter force
18 inventory set forth in section 9062(i)(1) of title 10,
19 United States Code.

1 (b) A-10 AIRCRAFT MINIMUM INVENTORY REQUIRE-
2 MENT.—

3 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2),
4 section 134(d) of the National Defense Authoriza-
5 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114–328;
6 130 Stat. 2038) is amended by striking “135 A–10
7 aircraft” and inserting “96 A–10 aircraft”.

8 (2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made
9 by paragraph (1) shall take effect on the date the
10 report and certification described in subsection (a)
11 have been submitted to the congressional defense
12 committees, but only but only if such report and cer-
13 tification are submitted not later than 60 days after
14 the date of the enactment of this Act. If such report
15 or such certification is submitted after the expiration
16 of such 60-day period, paragraph (1) shall have no
17 force or effect.

18 (c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
19 tion shall be construed to lower the minimum fighter air-
20 craft inventory requirements set forth in section
21 9062(i)(1) of title 10, United States Code.

