

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 119-

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At the end of subtitle D in title XII, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 12__ . PERMISSION TO TRANSFER UNITED STATES**
2 **DEFENSE ARTICLES AND DEFENSE SERVICES**
3 **AMONG BALTIC STATES.**

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

6 (1) the Baltic states play an important role in
7 deterring aggression by the Russian Federation due
8 to the strategic geographic location of the Baltic
9 states in relation to—

10 (A) the ongoing war between Ukraine and
11 the Russian Federation; and

12 (B) the Russian Federation’s increasing
13 interest in Europe overall; and

14 (2) if the Baltic states were given standing per-
15 mission and the capability to use the defense articles
16 and services of each other Baltic state, and were
17 provided the training to do so, the Russian Federa-
18 tion would likely assume that the entire combined

1 fleet in the Baltic states could operate at any time
2 anywhere in the Baltic region, which would signifi-
3 cantly complicate Russian Federation planning and
4 enhance deterrence at no cost.

5 (b) TRANSFER PERMISSION.—

6 (1) EXEMPTIONS FROM REQUIREMENT FOR
7 CONSENT TO TRANSFER.—

8 (A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding sec-
9 tion 3(a)(2) of the Arms Export Control Act
10 (22 U.S.C. 2753(a)(2)) and Section 505(a)(1)
11 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22
12 U.S.C. 2314(a)(1)), retransfers of any defense
13 article or defense service among the Baltic
14 states shall not require prior Presidential con-
15 sent.

16 (B) PRIOR AGREEMENTS.—

17 (i) CONSENT TO TRANSFER NOT RE-
18 QUIRED.—Any agreement between the
19 United States and a Baltic state under
20 section 3 of the Arms Export Control Act
21 (22 U.S.C. 2753) with respect to any de-
22 fense article or defense service shall not re-
23 quire the Baltic state to seek approval
24 from the United States to transfer such
25 article or service to any other Baltic state.

1 (ii) MODIFICATION.—With respect to
2 any agreement under section 3(a)(2) of the
3 Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C.
4 2753(a)(2)) in effect as of the date of the
5 enactment of this section that requires the
6 consent of the President before a Baltic
7 state may transfer a defense article or de-
8 fense service, the United States shall mod-
9 ify such agreement so as to remove such
10 requirement with respect to such a transfer
11 to any other Baltic state.

12 (2) COMMON COALITION KEY.—The Secretary
13 of Defense shall establish among the Baltic countries
14 a common coalition key within the Baltic states for
15 the purpose of sharing ammunition for any defense
16 article or service among the Baltic states for train-
17 ing and operational purposes.

18 (3) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

19 (A) BALTIC STATE.—The term “Baltic
20 state” means the following:

21 (i) Estonia.

22 (ii) Lithuania.

23 (iii) Latvia.

24 (B) DEFENSE ARTICLE; DEFENSE SERV-
25 ICE.—The terms “defense article” and “defense

1 service” have the meanings given such terms in
2 section 47 of the Arms Export Control Act (22
3 U.S.C. 2794).

