

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 118-10
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At the end of subtitle A of title XII, add the following:

1 **SEC. 12 ____. ASSISTANCE TO ISRAEL FOR AERIAL REFUEL-**
2 **ING.**

3 (a) **TRAINING ISRAELI PILOTS TO OPERATE KC-46**
4 **AIRCRAFT.—**

5 (1) **IN GENERAL.—**Not later than 60 days after
6 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
7 of the Air Force shall—

8 (A) make available sufficient resources and
9 accommodations within the United States to
10 train members of the Israeli Air Force on the
11 operation of KC-46 aircraft; and

12 (B) conduct training for members of the
13 Israeli Air Force, including—

14 (i) training for pilots and crew on the
15 operation of the KC-46 aircraft in accord-
16 ance with standards considered sufficient
17 to conduct coalition operations of the
18 United States Air Force and the Israeli
19 Air Force; and

1 (ii) training for ground personnel on
2 the maintenance and sustainment require-
3 ments of the KC-46 aircraft considered
4 sufficient for such operations.

5 (2) UNITED STATES AIR FORCE MILITARY PER-
6 SONNEL EXCHANGE PROGRAM.—The Secretary of
7 Defense shall, with respect to members of the Israeli
8 Air Force associated with the operation of KC-46
9 aircraft—

10 (A) before the completion of the training
11 required by paragraph (1)(B), authorize the
12 participation of such members of the Israeli Air
13 Force in the United States Air Force Military
14 Personnel Exchange Program;

15 (B) make available billets in the United
16 States Air Force Military Personnel Exchange
17 Program necessary for such members of the
18 Israeli Air Force to participate in such pro-
19 gram; and

20 (C) to the extent practicable, ensure that
21 such members of the Israeli Air Force are able
22 to participate in the United States Air Force
23 Military Personnel Exchange Program imme-
24 diately after such members complete such train-
25 ing.

1 (3) TERMINATION.—This subsection shall cease
2 to have effect on the date that is ten years after the
3 date of the enactment of this Act.

4 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 60 days after the date
5 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
6 shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the
7 Senate and the House of Representatives a report that
8 includes the following:

9 (1) An assessment of—

10 (A) the current operational requirements
11 of the Government of Israel for aerial refueling;
12 and

13 (B) any gaps in current or near-term capa-
14 bilities.

15 (2) The estimated date of delivery to Israel of
16 KC-46 aircraft procured by the Government of
17 Israel.

18 (3) A detailed description of—

19 (A) any actions the United States Govern-
20 ment is taking to expedite the delivery to Israel
21 of KC-46 aircraft procured by the Government
22 of Israel, while minimizing adverse impacts to
23 United States defense readiness, including stra-
24 tegic forces readiness;

1 (B) any additional actions the United
2 States Government could take to expedite such
3 delivery; and

4 (C) additional authorities Congress could
5 provide to help expedite such delivery.

6 (4) A description of the availability of any
7 United States aerial refueling tanker aircraft that
8 are retired or are expected to be retired during the
9 two-year period beginning on the date of the enact-
10 ment of this Act that could be provided to Israel.

11 (c) FORWARD DEPLOYMENT OF UNITED STATES
12 KC-46 AIRCRAFT TO ISRAEL.—

13 (1) REPORT.—Not later than 60 days after the
14 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
15 Defense shall submit to the Committees on Armed
16 Services of the Senate and the House of Representa-
17 tives a report that describes the capacity of and re-
18 quirements for the United States Air Force to for-
19 ward deploy KC-46 aircraft to Israel on a rotational
20 basis until the date on which a KC-46 aircraft pro-
21 cured by the Government of Israel is commissioned
22 into the Israeli Air Force and achieves full combat
23 capability.

24 (2) ROTATIONAL FORCES.—

1 (A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subpara-
2 graphs (B) and (C), the Secretary of Defense
3 shall, consistent with maintaining United States
4 defense readiness, rotationally deploy one or
5 more KC-46 aircraft to Israel until the earlier
6 of—

7 (i) the date on which a KC-46 air-
8 craft procured by the military forces of
9 Israel is commissioned into such military
10 forces and achieves full combat capability;
11 or

12 (ii) five years after the date of the en-
13 actment of this Act.

14 (B) LIMITATION.—The Secretary of De-
15 fense may only carry out a rotational deploy-
16 ment under subparagraph (A) if the Govern-
17 ment of Israel consents to the deployment.

18 (C) PRESENCE.—Beginning on January 1
19 of the first calendar year that commences after
20 the date that is 180 days after the date of the
21 enactment of this Act, rotational deployments
22 of United States KC-46 aircraft shall be
23 present in Israel for not less than 270 days

- 1 during each 1-year period until the applicable
- 2 date under subparagraph (A).

