

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 118–36

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At the end of title XIII, add the following:

1 **Subtitle _____—United States —**
2 **Moldova Defense Partnership Act**

3 **SEC. ___ 01. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

4 It is the sense of Congress that—

5 (1) Moldova is a close partner in the European
6 region and the United States should remain com-
7 mitted to supporting its security and prosperity;

8 (2) Moldova’s military relies on outdated Soviet
9 era equipment that needs to be replaced;

10 (3) senior Moldovan defense officials have stat-
11 ed they need \$275 million to modernize Moldova’s
12 armed forces;

13 (4) the United States should increase and deep-
14 en efforts to partner with and support the mod-
15 ernization of the Moldovan military;

16 (5) it is in the interest of the United States
17 that Moldova continues to transition its military
18 equipment away from Russian-produced platforms
19 and weapons systems through the European Recapi-
20 talization Incentive Program;

1 (6) the strategic partnership that the United
2 States and Moldova have established over 30 years
3 is mutually beneficial to the national security of both
4 countries;

5 (7) the United States needs to support
6 Moldova's reform process consisting of a transition
7 from conscription to an all-volunteer/professional
8 force, modernizing equipment from Soviet to West-
9 ern systems, creating a "mobile, modular, flexible
10 and function army," according to the 2022 state-
11 ment by Defense Minister Antolie Nosatii, and em-
12 phasizing air defense capabilities; and

13 (8) the United States should continue to invest
14 in International Military Education and Training
15 programs in Moldova.

16 **SEC. ___ 02. FUNDING FOR THE EUROPEAN RECAPITALIZA-**
17 **TION INCENTIVE PROGRAM.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—To the maximum extent feasible,
19 amounts appropriated or otherwise made available for the
20 European Recapitalization Incentive Program should be
21 considered for Moldova as appropriate to assist the coun-
22 try in meeting its defense needs and transitioning away
23 from Russian-produced military equipment.

24 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
25 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall

1 submit to the appropriate congressional committees a re-
2 port that provides a full accounting of all funds distributed
3 under the European Recapitalization Incentive Program,
4 including—

5 (1) a description of how the funds were used in
6 Moldova; and

7 (2) an accounting of remaining equipment in
8 Moldova that was provided by the then-Soviet Union
9 or Russian Federation.

10 (c) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—

11 For purposes of subsection (b), the term “appropriate con-
12 gressional committees” means—

13 (1) the Committee on Foreign Relations, the
14 Committee on Armed Services, and the Committee
15 on Appropriations of the Senate; and

16 (2) the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the
17 Committee on Armed Services, and the Committee
18 on Appropriations of the House of Representatives.

19 **SEC. ___ 03. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON LOAN PROGRAM.**

20 It is the sense of Congress that, as appropriate, the
21 United States Government should provide direct loans to
22 Moldova for the procurement of defense articles, defense
23 services, and design and construction services pursuant to
24 the authority of section 23 of the Arms Export Control

1 Act (22 U.S.C. 2763) to support the further development
2 of Moldova's military forces.

3 **SEC. ___ 04. IMET COOPERATION WITH MOLDOVA.**

4 For each of fiscal years 2024 through 2028, there
5 is authorized \$1,000,000 for International Military Edu-
6 cation and Training assistance for Moldova, which may
7 be made available for the following purposes:

8 (1) Training of future leaders.

9 (2) Fostering a better understanding of the
10 United States.

11 (3) Establishing a rapport between the United
12 States Armed Forces and Moldova's military to
13 build partnerships for the future.

14 (4) Enhancement of interoperability and capa-
15 bilities for joint operations.

16 (5) Focusing on professional military education,
17 civilian control of the military, and protection of
18 human rights.

