

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 115–70
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At the end of subtitle C of title XII, add the following:

1 **SEC. 12 ____ . REPORT ON LEGAL AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT**
2 **MILITARY STRIKES AGAINST SYRIA.**

3 (a) **FINDINGS.**—Congress finds the following:

4 (1) The President authorized missile strikes
5 against the Syrian Government on April 6, 2017,
6 and April 13, 2018, without congressional approval.

7 (2) It is the President’s constitutional duty to
8 seek legal authority and authorization from Con-
9 gress to engage in war, as prescribed in the Con-
10 stitution and the War Powers Resolution (Public
11 Law 93–148; 50 U.S.C. 1541 et seq.).

12 (3) Under article 1, section 8, of the Constitu-
13 tion, Congress has the authority to “declare war”.

14 (b) **SENSE OF CONGRESS.**—It is the sense of Con-
15 gress that Congress has a constitutional duty to debate
16 and determine whether or not to authorize the use of mili-
17 tary force against the Syrian Government.

18 (c) **REPORT.**—Not later than 30 days after the date
19 of the enactment of this Act, the President shall transmit

1 to Congress a report on the legal justification for the
2 United States military strikes in 2017 and 2018 against
3 the Syrian Government, including an analysis of the exist-
4 ing legal framework for such strikes, particularly with re-
5 spect to the Authorization for Use of Military Force (Pub-
6 lic Law 107–40; 50 U.S.C. 1541 note) and the Authoriza-
7 tion for Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution of
8 2002 (Public Law 107–243; 50 U.S.C. 1541 note).

