

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 116-

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At the end of subtitle C of title I, add the following
new section:

1 **SEC. ____ . AIR FORCE AGGRESSOR SQUADRON MODERNIZA-**
2 **TION.**

3 (a) SENSE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—

4 It is the sense of the House of Representatives that—

5 (1) it is critical that the Air Force has the ca-
6 pability to train against an advanced air adversary
7 in order to be prepared for conflicts against a mod-
8 ern enemy force;

9 (2) in order to have this capability, Air Force
10 must have access to an advanced adversary force
11 prior to United States adversaries fielding a 5th-
12 generation operational capability; and

13 (3) the Air Force's plan to use low-rate initial
14 production F-35As as aggressor aircraft reflects a
15 recognition of the need to field a modernized aggres-
16 sor fleet.

17 (b) REPORT.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—No later than 6 months
2 prior to the transfer of any low-rate initial produc-
3 tion F-35 aircraft for use as aggressor aircraft, the
4 Chief of Staff of the Air Force shall submit to the
5 congressional defense committees, and the Member
6 of Congress and the Senators who represent bases
7 from where aircraft may be transferred, a com-
8 prehensive plan and report on the strategy for mod-
9 ernizing the organic aggressor fleet.

10 (2) ELEMENTS.—The report required under
11 paragraph (1) shall include the following elements:

12 (A) Potential locations for F-35A aggres-
13 sor aircraft, including an analysis of installa-
14 tions that—

15 (i) have the size and availability of
16 airspace necessary to meet flying oper-
17 ations requirements;

18 (ii) have sufficient capacity and avail-
19 ability of range space;

20 (iii) are capable of hosting advanced-
21 threat training exercises; and

22 (iv) meet or require minimal addition
23 to the environmental requirements associ-
24 ated with the basing action.

1 (B) An analysis of the potential cost and
2 benefits of expanding aggressor squadrons cur-
3 rently operating 18 Primary Assigned Aircraft
4 (PAA) to a level of 24 PAA each.

5 (C) An analysis of the cost and timelines
6 associated with modernizing the current Air
7 Force aggressor squadrons to include upgrading
8 aircraft's radar, infrared search-and-track sys-
9 tems, radar warning receiver, tactical datalink,
10 threat-representative jamming pods, and other
11 upgrades necessary to provide a realistic ad-
12 vanced adversary threat.

13 (D) Any costs associated with moving the
14 aircraft.

15 (E) Any jobs on the relevant military in-
16 stallation that may be affected by said changes.

