

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 116-19
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At the appropriate place in subtitle G of title XII,
insert the following:

1 **SEC. 12 ____ . MODIFICATION TO DEFINITIONS IN THE WAR**
2 **POWERS RESOLUTION.**

3 Section 8(e) of the War Powers Resolution (50
4 U.S.C. 1547) is amended to read as follows:

5 “(c) For purposes of this joint resolution—

6 “(1) the term ‘United States Armed Forces’—

7 “(A) has the meaning given the term
8 ‘armed forces’ in section 101 of title 10, United
9 States Code; and

10 “(B) includes all civilian personnel of the
11 Department of Defense;

12 “(2) the term ‘hostilities’ means a situation
13 where overt acts of warfare are taking place, regard-
14 less of whether the United States Armed Forces are
15 directly participating in the exchange of fire or the
16 bombardment, including—

17 “(A) the exchange of fire between regular
18 or irregular military forces;

1 “(B) the aerial, naval, or ground bombard-
2 ment of military or civilian targets by regular
3 or irregular military forces;

4 “(C) the deployment of the United States
5 Armed Forces for defensive operations; or

6 “(D) any situation where there exists an
7 imminent threat that overt acts of warfare will
8 take place;

9 “(3) the term ‘imminent’ means a situation
10 where the defensive or offensive use of force by the
11 United States Armed Forces is instant, over-
12 whelming, and leaving no choice of means and no
13 moment for deliberation; and

14 “(4) the term ‘introduce’ means—

15 “(A) any commitment, engagement, de-
16 ployment, or other involvement of the United
17 States Armed Forces in hostilities, including
18 the taking of self-defense measures by the
19 Armed Forces in response to an attack or
20 threatened attack ;

21 “(B) the assigning or detailing of members
22 of the United States Armed Forces to com-
23 mand, coordinate, participate in the movement
24 of, accompany, provide intelligence, or provide
25 logistical support or training for any foreign,

1 regular or irregular, military or police forces if
2 those foreign forces are involved in hostilities
3 (regardless of whether those hostilities involve
4 insurgent forces or the military forces of a for-
5 eign country); or
6 “(C) the assigning or detailing of any
7 member of the United States Armed Forces to
8 an operation authorized by the United Nations
9 Security Council under chapter VII of the
10 United Nations Charter.”.

