

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 116-

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Add at the appropriate place in subtitle F of title XII of division A the following:

1 SEC. 1258. NATO SUPPORT ACT.

2 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that:

3 (1) The North Atlantic Treaty Organization
4 (NATO), which came into being through the North
5 Atlantic Treaty, which entered into force on April 4,
6 1949, between the United States of America and the
7 other founding members of the North Atlantic Trea-
8 ty Organization, has served as a pillar of inter-
9 national peace and stability, a critical component of
10 United States security, and a deterrent against ad-
11 versaries and external threats.

12 (2) The House of Representatives affirmed in
13 H. Res. 397, on June 27, 2017, that—

14 (A) NATO is one of the most successful
15 military alliances in history, deterring the out-
16 break of another world war, protecting the ter-
17 ritorial integrity of its members, and seeing the
18 Cold War through to a peaceful conclusion;

1 (B) NATO remains the foundation of
2 United States foreign policy to promote a Eu-
3 rope that is whole, free, and at peace;

4 (C) the United States is solemnly com-
5 mitted to the North Atlantic Treaty Organiza-
6 tion's principle of collective defense as enumer-
7 ated in Article 5 of the North Atlantic Treaty;
8 and

9 (D) the House of Representatives—

10 (i) strongly supports the decision at
11 the NATO Wales Summit in 2014 that
12 each alliance member would aim to spend
13 at least 2 percent of its nation's gross do-
14 mestic product on defense by 2024;

15 (ii) condemns any threat to the sov-
16 ereignty, territorial integrity, freedom and
17 democracy of any NATO ally; and

18 (iii) welcomes the Republic of Monte-
19 negro as the 29th member of the NATO
20 Alliance.

21 (b) STATEMENT OF POLICY.—It is the policy of the
22 United States—

23 (1) to remain a member in good standing of
24 NATO;

1 (2) to reject any efforts to withdraw the United
2 States from NATO, or to indirectly withdraw from
3 NATO by condemning or reducing contributions to
4 NATO structures, activities, or operations, in a
5 manner that creates a de facto withdrawal;

6 (3) to continue to work with NATO members to
7 meet their 2014 Wales Defense Investment Pledge
8 commitments; and

9 (4) to support robust United States funding for
10 the European Deterrence Initiative, which increases
11 the ability of the United States and its allies to
12 deter and defend against Russian aggression.

13 (c) PROHIBITION ON THE USE OF FUNDS TO WITH-
14 DRAW FROM NATO.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
15 sion of law, no funds are authorized to be appropriated,
16 obligated, or expended to take any action to withdraw the
17 United States from the North Atlantic Treaty, done at
18 Washington, DC on April 4, 1949, between the United
19 States of America and the other founding members of the
20 North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

