

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 116–57
OFFERED BY MR. PANETTA OF CALIFORNIA

At the end of subtitle E of title XII, add the following:

1 SEC. __. SUPPORT FOR NATO.

2 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

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

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

14 (A) NATO is one of the most successful
15 political-military alliances in history, deterring
16 the outbreak of another world war, protecting
17 the territorial integrity of its members, and seeing
18 the Cold War through to a peaceful conclusion;
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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 North
19 Macedonia as the 30th member of the
20 NATO Alliance.

21 (3) The House of Representatives reaffirmed in
22 H.R. 676, on January 22, 2019, continued bipar-
23 tisan support for the NATO Alliance, its members,
24 its mission, and its principles.

1 (b) STATEMENT OF POLICY.—It is the policy of the
2 United States—

3 (1) to remain a member in good standing of
4 NATO;

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

10 (3) to continue to work with NATO members to
11 meet their 2014 Wales Defense Investment Pledge
12 commitments; and

13 (4) to support robust United States funding for
14 the European Deterrence Initiative, which increases
15 the ability of the United States and its allies to
16 deter and defend against Russian aggression.

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

