

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 118-

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At the end of subtitle A of title XVII, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 17___ . LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS TO CONDUCT**
2 **FIRST-USE NUCLEAR STRIKES.**

3 (a) **LIMITATION.**—No amounts authorized to be ap-
4 propriated for any fiscal year may be obligated or ex-
5 pended to conduct a first-use nuclear strike unless—

6 (1) the President decides the strike is in the
7 best interests of the United States; and

8 (2) the Speaker of the House of Representa-
9 tives validates the decision of the President to con-
10 duct the strike.

11 (b) **FIRST-USE NUCLEAR STRIKE DEFINED.**—In this
12 section, the term “first-use nuclear strike” means an at-
13 tack using nuclear weapons against an enemy that is con-
14 ducted without the Secretary of Defense and the Chair-
15 man of the Joint Chiefs of Staff first confirming to the
16 President that there has been a nuclear strike against the
17 United States, its territories, or its allies (as specified in

1 section 3(b)(2) of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C.
2 2753(b)(2))).

