

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
OF H.R. 1960
OFFERED BY MR. PIERLUISI OF PUERTO RICO**

Page 101, after line 21, add the following new section:

**1 SEC. 320. LIMITED DECONTAMINATION AUTHORITY FOR
2 PORTIONS OF FORMER BOMBARDMENT AREA
3 ON ISLAND OF CULEBRA, PUERTO RICO.**

4 (a) DECONTAMINATION AUTHORITY.—Notwith-
5 standing section 204(c) of the Military Construction Au-
6 thorization Act, 1974 (Public Law 93–166; 87 Stat. 668),
7 and paragraph 9 of the quitclaim deed relating to the
8 transfer of the former bombardment area on the island
9 of Culebra in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Sec-
10 retary of Defense may authorize and conduct activities for
11 the removal of unexploded ordnance and munitions scrap
12 from those portions of the former bombardment area that
13 were explicitly identified as having regular public access
14 in the Department of Defense study entitled “Study Relat-
15 ing to the Presence of Unexploded Ordnance in a Portion
16 of the Former Naval Bombardment Area of Culebra Is-
17 land, Commonwealth of Puerto Rico” and dated April 20,
18 2012, which was prepared in accordance with section 2815

1 of the Ike Skelton National Defense Authorization Act for
2 Fiscal Year 2011 (Public Law 111–383; 124 Stat. 4464).

3 (b) EXCEPTIONS.—In authorizing and conducting ac-
4 tivities for the removal of unexploded ordnance and muni-
5 tions scrap within the transferred former bombardment
6 area, as authorized by subsection (a), the Secretary of De-
7 fense may exclude areas of dense vegetation and steep ter-
8 rain that—

9 (1) make public access difficult and public use
10 infrequent; and

11 (2) would severely hamper the effectiveness and
12 increase the cost of removal activities.

13 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

14 (1) The term “quitclaim deed” refers to the
15 quitclaim deed from the United States to the Com-
16 monwealth of Puerto Rico, signed by the Secretary
17 of the Interior on August 11, 1982, for that portion
18 of Tract (1b) consisting of the former bombardment
19 area on the island of Culebra, Puerto Rico.

20 (2) The term “unexploded ordnance” has the
21 meaning given that term by section 101(e)(5) of title
22 10, United States Code.

