

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
FOR H.R. 4435, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. LATTA OF OHIO**

At the end of title X, add the following:

1 **SEC. 10 ____ . SENSE OF CONGRESS RECOGNIZING THE 70TH**
2 **ANNIVERSARY OF THE ALLIED AMPHIBIOUS**
3 **LANDING ON D-DAY, JUNE 6, 1944, AT NOR-**
4 **MANDY, FRANCE.**

5 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following find-
6 ings:

7 (1) June 6, 2014, marks the 70th anniversary
8 of the Allied assault at Normandy, France, by Amer-
9 ican, British, and Canadian troops, which was
10 known as Operation Overlord.

11 (2) Before Operation Overlord, the German
12 Army still occupied France and the Nazi government
13 still had access to the raw materials and industrial
14 capacity of Western Europe.

15 (3) The naval assault phase on Normandy was
16 code-named “Neptune”, and the June 6th assault
17 date is referred to as D-Day to denote the day on
18 which the combat attack was initiated.

1 (4) The D-Day landing was the largest single
2 amphibious assault in history, consisting of approxi-
3 mately 31,000 members of the United States Armed
4 Forces, 153,000 members of the Allied Expedi-
5 tionary Force, 5,000 naval vessels, and more than
6 11,000 sorties by Allied aircraft.

7 (5) Soldiers of 6 divisions (3 American, 2 Brit-
8 ish, and 1 Canadian) stormed ashore in 5 main
9 landing areas on beaches in Normandy, which were
10 code-named “Utah”, “Omaha”, “Gold”, “Juno”,
11 and “Sword”.

12 (6) Of the approximately 10,000 Allied casual-
13 ties incurred on the first day of the landing, more
14 than 6,000 casualties were members of the United
15 States Armed Forces.

16 (7) The age of the remaining World War II vet-
17 erans and the gradual disappearance of any living
18 memory of World War II and the Normandy land-
19 ings make it necessary to increase activities intended
20 to pass on the history of these events, particularly
21 to younger generations.

22 (8) The young people of Normandy and the
23 United States have displayed unprecedented commit-
24 ment to and involvement in celebrating the veterans

1 of the Normandy landings and the freedom that they
2 brought with them in 1944.

3 (9) The significant material remains of the
4 Normandy landing, such as shipwrecks and various
5 items of military equipment found both on the Nor-
6 mandy beaches and at the bottom of the sea in
7 French territorial waters, bear witness to the re-
8 markable material resources used by the Allied
9 Armed Forces to execute the Normandy landings.

10 (10) 5 Normandy beaches and a number of
11 sites on the Normandy coast, including Pointe du
12 Hoc, were the scene of the Normandy landings, and
13 constitute both now and for all time a unique piece
14 of humanity's world heritage, and a symbol of peace
15 and freedom, whose unspoilt nature, integrity, and
16 authenticity must be protected at all costs.

17 (11) The world owes a debt of gratitude to the
18 members of the "greatest generation" who assumed
19 the task of freeing the world from Nazi and Fascist
20 regimes and restoring liberty to Europe.

21 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—Congress—

22 (1) recognizes the 70th anniversary of the Al-
23 lied amphibious landing on D-Day, June 6, 1944, at
24 Normandy, France, during World War II;

1 (2) expresses gratitude and appreciation to the
2 members of the United States Armed Forces who
3 participated in the D-Day operations;

4 (3) thanks the young people of Normandy and
5 the United States for their involvement in recog-
6 nizing and celebrating the 70th Anniversary of the
7 Normandy landings with the aim of making future
8 generations aware of the acts of heroism and sac-
9 rifice performed by the Allied forces;

10 (4) recognizes the efforts of the Government of
11 France and the people of Normandy to preserve, for
12 future generations, the unique world heritage rep-
13 resented by the Normandy beaches and the sunken
14 material remains of the Normandy landing, by in-
15 scribing them on the United Nations Educational,
16 Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
17 World Heritage List; and

18 (5) requests the President to issue a proclama-
19 tion calling on the people of the United States to ob-
20 serve the anniversary with appropriate ceremonies
21 and programs to honor the sacrifices of their fellow
22 countrymen to liberate Europe.

