

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 114-51
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At the end of title XII, add the following:

1 **Subtitle G—Authority for the Use**
2 **of Military Force Against the Is-**
3 **lamic State of Iraq and the Le-**
4 **vant Act**

5 **SEC. 1271. SHORT TITLE.**

6 This subtitle may be cited as the “Authority for the
7 Use of Military Force Against the Islamic State of Iraq
8 and the Levant Act”.

9 **SEC. 1272. FINDINGS.**

10 Congress makes the following findings:

11 (1) The terrorist organization that has referred
12 to itself as the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant
13 and various other names (in this resolution referred
14 to as “ISIL”) poses a grave threat to the people and
15 territorial integrity of Iraq and Syria, regional sta-
16 bility, and the national security interests of the
17 United States and its allies and partners.

18 (2) ISIL holds significant territory in Iraq and
19 Syria and has stated its intention to seize more ter-
20 ritory and demonstrated the capability to do so.

1 (3) ISIL leaders have stated that they intend to
2 conduct terrorist attacks internationally, including
3 against the United States, its citizens, and interests.

4 (4) ISIL has committed despicable acts of vio-
5 lence and mass executions against Muslims, regard-
6 less of sect, who do not subscribe to ISIL's de-
7 praved, violent, and oppressive ideology;

8 (5) ISIL has threatened genocide and com-
9 mitted vicious acts of violence against religious and
10 ethnic minority groups, including Iraqi Christian,
11 Yezidi, and Turkmen populations.

12 (6) ISIL has targeted innocent women and girls
13 with horrific acts of violence, including abduction,
14 enslavement, torture, rape, and forced marriage.

15 (7) ISIL is responsible for the deaths of inno-
16 cent United States citizens, including James Foley,
17 Steven Sotloff, Abdul-Rahman Peter Kassig, and
18 Kayla Mueller.

19 (8) The United States is working with regional
20 and global allies and partners to degrade and defeat
21 ISIL, to cut off its funding, to stop the flow of for-
22 eign fighters to its ranks, and to support local com-
23 munities as they reject ISIL.

24 (9) The announcement of the anti-ISIL Coali-
25 tion on September 5, 2014, during the NATO Sum-

1 mit in Wales, stated that ISIL poses a serious
2 threat and should be countered by a broad inter-
3 national coalition.

4 (10) The United States calls on its allies and
5 partners, particularly in the Middle East and North
6 Africa, to join the anti-ISIL Coalition and defeat
7 this terrorist threat.

8 (11) President Barack Obama, United States
9 military leaders, and United States allies in the re-
10 gion have made clear that it is more effective to use
11 the unique capabilities of the United States Govern-
12 ment to support regional partners instead of large-
13 scale deployments of United States ground forces in
14 this mission.

15 **SEC. 1273. AUTHORIZATION FOR USE OF UNITED STATES**

16 **ARMED FORCES.**

17 (a) **AUTHORIZATION.**—The President is authorized to
18 use the Armed Forces of the United States as the Presi-
19 dent determines necessary and appropriate against ISIL
20 or associated persons or forces as defined in section 1276.

21 (b) **WAR POWERS RESOLUTION REQUIREMENTS.**—

22 (1) **SPECIFIC STATUTORY AUTHORIZATION.**—
23 Consistent with section 8(a)(1) of the War Powers
24 Resolution (50 U.S.C. 1547(a)(1)), Congress de-
25 clares that this section is intended to constitute spe-

1 cific statutory authorization within the meaning of
2 section 5(b) of the War Powers Resolution (50
3 U.S.C. 1544(b)).

4 (2) APPLICABILITY OF OTHER REQUIRE-
5 MENTS.—Nothing in this subtitle supersedes any re-
6 quirements of the War Powers Resolution (50
7 U.S.C. 1541 et seq.).

8 (c) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this authorization is
9 to protect the lives of United States citizens and to provide
10 military support to regional partners in their battle to de-
11 feat ISIL. The use of significant United States ground
12 troops in combat against ISIL, except to protect the lives
13 of United States citizens from imminent threat, is not con-
14 sistent with such purpose.

15 **SEC. 1274. DURATION OF AUTHORIZATION.**

16 The authorization for the use of military force under
17 this subtitle shall terminate three years after the date of
18 the enactment of this Act, unless reauthorized.

19 **SEC. 1275. REPORTS.**

20 The President shall report to Congress at least once
21 every six months on specific actions taken pursuant to this
22 authorization.

23 **SEC. 1276. ASSOCIATED PERSONS OR FORCES DEFINED.**

24 In this Act, the term “associated persons or
25 forces”—

1 (1) means individuals and organizations fight-
2 ing for, on behalf of, or alongside ISIL or any close-
3 ly related successor entity in hostilities against the
4 United States or its coalition partners; and

5 (2) refers to any individual or organization that
6 presents a direct threat to members of the United
7 States Armed Forces, coalition partner forces, or
8 forces trained by the coalition, in their fight against
9 ISIL.

10 **SEC. 1277. REPEAL OF AUTHORIZATION FOR USE OF MILI-**
11 **TARY FORCE AGAINST IRAQ.**

12 The Authorization for Use of Military Force Against
13 Iraq Resolution of 2002 (Public Law 107–243; 116 Stat.
14 1498; 50 U.S.C. 1541 note) is hereby repealed.

15 **SEC. 1278. SOLE STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR MILITARY**
16 **ACTION AGAINST ISIL.**

17 This authorization shall constitute the sole statutory
18 authority for United States military action against the Is-
19 lamic State of Iraq and the Levant and associated persons
20 or forces, and supersedes any prior authorization for the
21 use of military force involving action against ISIL.

