

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 116-**  
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**RICO**

At the end of subtitle B of title X, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 10\_\_\_ . SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING DEPART-**  
2 **MENT OF DEFENSE COUNTERDRUG ACTIVI-**  
3 **TIES IN THE TRANSIT ZONE AND CARIBBEAN**  
4 **BASIN.**

5 It is the sense of Congress that—

6 (1) combating transnational criminal organiza-  
7 tions and illicit narcotics trafficking across the tran-  
8 sit zone and the Caribbean basin, particularly in and  
9 around Puerto Rico and the United States Virgin Is-  
10 lands, is critical to the national security of the  
11 United States;

12 (2) the Department of Defense should work  
13 with the Department of Homeland Security, the De-  
14 partment of State, and other relevant Federal,  
15 State, local, and international partners to improve  
16 surveillance capabilities and maximize the effective-  
17 ness of counterdrug operations in the region; and

1           (3) the Secretary of Defense should, to the  
2           greatest extent possible, ensure United States  
3           Northern Command and United States Southern  
4           Command have the necessary assets to support and  
5           increase counter-drug activities within their respec-  
6           tive areas of operations in the transit zone and the  
7           Caribbean basin.

