

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 115-23
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At the end of subtitle G of title XII, add the following new section:

1 SEC. 12 . SENSE OF CONGRESS ON NORTH KOREA.

2 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

3 (1) The Democratic People’s Republic of Korea,
4 also known as North Korea, continues to develop a
5 ballistic and nuclear weapons development program
6 that poses a grave threat to the United States,
7 United States allies the Republic of Korea, Japan,
8 and Australia, and to regional and global security.

9 (2) North Korea continues to escalate the pace
10 and number of its ballistic missile launches, and to
11 date has conducted five nuclear tests.

12 (3) On July 4, 2017, North Korea conducted
13 the first test of an intercontinental ballistic missile
14 (ICBM) it claims is capable of reaching United
15 States territory, which, if reliable and effective, con-
16 stitutes a new threat to America’s security.

17 (4) On June 3, 2017, Secretary of Defense
18 James Mattis stated, during remarks at the
19 Shangri-La Dialogue, that “the current North Korea

1 program signals a clear intent to acquire nuclear
2 armed ballistic missiles, including those of inter-
3 continental range that pose direct and immediate
4 threats to our allies, our partners and all the world”.

5 (5) On April 27, 2017, Admiral Harry Harris,
6 Jr., Commander of the United States Pacific Com-
7 mand, testified that “North Korea continues to dis-
8 regard United Nations sanctions by developing, and
9 threatening to use intercontinental ballistic missiles
10 and nuclear weapons that will threaten the U.S.
11 Homeland.”.

12 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
13 gress that—

14 (1) the United States should act to counter
15 North Korea’s continued development and testing of
16 nuclear weapons and intercontinental ballistic mis-
17 siles;

18 (2) the development of a functional and oper-
19 ational North Korean nuclear and intercontinental
20 ballistic missile program constitutes a threat to the
21 security of the United States and to our allies and
22 partners in the region;

23 (3) the defense of the United States and our al-
24 lies against North Korean aggression remains a top
25 priority, and the United States maintains an unwav-

1 ering and steadfast commitment to the policy of ex-
2 tended deterrence, especially with respect to South
3 Korea and Japan;

4 (4) the United States supports the deployment
5 of the Terminal High Altitude Area Defense
6 (THAAD) system in South Korea to counter North
7 Korea's missile threat and the deployment of bal-
8 listic missile defense systems to allies in the Indo-
9 Asia-Pacific region to protect from the growing
10 threat of North Korea's nuclear weapons and bal-
11 listic missile programs;

12 (5) the United States should encourage further
13 multilateral security cooperation and dialogue among
14 South Korea, Japan, and Australia to address the
15 North Korea threat;

16 (6) the United States calls upon the People's
17 Republic of China to use its leverage to pressure
18 North Korea to cease its provocative behavior and
19 abandon and dismantle its nuclear and ballistic mis-
20 sile programs, and comply with all relevant United
21 Nations Security Council resolutions;

22 (7) the United States should fully enforce all
23 existing sanctions on North Korea and undertake a
24 comprehensive diplomatic effort to urge allies and

1 other countries to fully enforce, and build upon, ex-
2 isting international sanctions; and
3 (8) the United States should retain diplomatic,
4 economic, and military options to defend against and
5 pressure North Korea to abandon its illicit weapons
6 program.

