AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
FOR H.R. 1735
OFFERED BY MR. SANFORD OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Page 622, after line 22, add the following:

SEC. 1269. AUTHORIZATION FOR USE OF UNITED STATES
ARMED FORCES.

(a) AUTHORIZATION.—The President is authorized,
subject to the limitations in subsection (c), to use the
Armed Forces of the United States as the President deter-
mines to be necessary and appropriate against ISIL or
associated persons or forces.

(b) WAR POWERS RESOLUTION REQUIREMENTS.—

(1) SPECIFIC STATUTORY AUTHORIZATION.—
Consistent with section 8(a)(1) of the War Powers
Resolution (50 U.S.C. 1547(a)(1)), Congress de-
clares that this section is intended to constitute spe-
cific statutory authorization within the meaning of
section 5(b) of the War Powers Resolution (50
U.S.C. 1544(b)).

(2) APPLICABILITY OF OTHER REQUIRE-
MENTS.—Nothing in this section supersedes any re-
quirement of the War Powers Resolution (50 U.S.C.
1541 et seq.).
(c) LIMITATIONS.—The authorization under this section does not authorize the use of the United States Armed Forces in enduring offensive ground combat operations.

(d) DURATION OF AUTHORIZATION.—The authorization under this section shall terminate three years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(e) REPORTS.—The President shall report to Congress at least once every six months on specific actions taken pursuant to the authorization under this section.

(f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) ISIL.—The term “ISIL” means the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant.

(2) ASSOCIATED PERSONS OR FORCES.—The term “associated persons or forces” means individuals and organizations fighting for, on behalf of, or allow ISIL or any closely-related successor entity in hostilities against the United States or its coalition partners.