

**AMENDMENT TO**  
**RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 119-33**  
**OFFERED BY MR. AUSTIN SCOTT OF GEORGIA**

At the end of subtitle C of title I, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 1 \_\_\_\_ . MINIMUM INVENTORY OF P-8A POSEIDON AIR-**  
2 **CRAFT.**

3 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of the Navy shall  
4 ensure that the total number of P-8A Poseidon aircraft  
5 in the inventory of the Navy is not less than 136 aircraft.

6 (b) **AUTHORITY TO INCREASE PLANNED PROCURE-**  
7 **MENT.**—Beginning on October 1, 2026, the Secretary of  
8 the Navy may increase the total planned procurement of  
9 P-8A Poseidon aircraft to beyond 136 aircraft.

10 (c) **LIMITATION.**—None of the funds authorized to be  
11 appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available for  
12 the Department of Defense may be obligated or expended  
13 to retire, divest, transfer to a nonoperational status, place  
14 in storage, prepare for retirement, or otherwise reduce the  
15 total active inventory of P-8A Poseidon aircraft below the  
16 number specified in subsection (a).

1 (d) WAIVER.—The Secretary of Defense may waive  
2 the limitation under subsection (c) if the Secretary cer-  
3 tifies to the congressional defense committees that—

4 (1) the reduction is required due to the loss of  
5 an aircraft through combat, accident, or other un-  
6 foreseen circumstance; and

7 (2) the reduction will not materially degrade the  
8 ability of the Navy to conduct maritime patrol, anti-  
9 submarine warfare, antisurface warfare, intelligence,  
10 surveillance, reconnaissance, and fleet support mis-  
11 sions.

