

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 118-

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OFFERED BY MR. PETERS OF CALIFORNIA

t the end of subtitle A of title XVII, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 17___.** **SUPPORT FOR EXECUTION OF BILATERAL**
2 **AGREEMENTS IN THE CARIBBEAN AND LATIN**
3 **AMERICA.**

4 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of Defense, in co-
5 ordination with the Commandant of the Coast Guard, and
6 in consultation with the Secretary of State, may provide
7 covered assistance to the Coast Guard for the execution
8 of existing maritime law enforcement agreements between
9 the United States and countries in the Caribbean and
10 Latin America that were established to combat
11 transnational organized illegal maritime activity, including
12 illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing.

13 (b) **EFFECT ON MILITARY TRAINING AND READI-**
14 **NESS.**—The Secretary of Defense shall ensure that the
15 provision of covered assistance under this section does not
16 negatively affect military training, operations, readiness,
17 or other military requirements.

1 (c) FUNDS.—If the Secretary of Defense provides
2 covered assistance under subsection (a) during fiscal year
3 2025 or any subsequent fiscal year, the Secretary shall
4 provide such covered assistance using amounts available
5 for that fiscal year for the Department of Defense for op-
6 eration and maintenance.

7 (d) DEFINITIONS.—

8 (1) The term “covered assistance” means any
9 of the following:

10 (A) The use of surface and air assets as
11 bases of operations and information collection
12 platforms.

13 (B) Communication infrastructure.

14 (C) Information sharing.

15 (D) The provision of logistic support, sup-
16 plies, and services (as such term is defined in
17 section 2350 of title 10, United States Code).

18 (2) The term “illegal, unreported, and unregu-
19 lated fishing” or “IUU fishing” means the activities
20 described as IUU fishing in paragraph 3 of the 2001
21 Food and Agriculture Organization International
22 Plan of Action to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Ille-
23 gal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing.

