

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 117-13
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At the appropriate place in title LX of division E,
insert the following:

1 **SEC. ____ . SENSE OF CONGRESS ON AGREEMENTS RELAT-**
2 **ING TO SEARCH AND RECOVERY OF UNITED**
3 **STATES ARMED FORCES MISSING IN ACTION.**

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

5 (1) The Department of Defense Prisoners of
6 War/Missing in Action (POW/MIA) Accounting
7 Agency must currently approach MIA recovery oper-
8 ations on a country by country basis via diplomatic,
9 civil, and military negotiations.

10 (2) Countries using mutually beneficial trade
11 agreements with the United States should provide a
12 transparent and efficient process to aid in the recov-
13 ery of United States POW/MIA operations.

14 (3) The Department of Defense estimates ap-
15 proximately 1,587 United States citizens who served
16 during the Vietnam War are still unaccounted for in
17 Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia, despite quarterly
18 Joint Field Activity excavation and recovery efforts.

1 (4) Some 72,500 members of the United States
2 Armed Forces remain unaccounted for throughout
3 Europe, China, and Japan after sacrificing their
4 lives during World War II.

5 (5) Nearly 7,800 members of the United States
6 Armed Forces are still missing on the Korean Penin-
7 sula after bravely serving during the Korean War.

8 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
9 gress that all trade agreements the United States enters
10 into should provide reasonable access and collaboration of
11 each country involved in such an agreement, for the pur-
12 pose of search and recovery activities relating to members
13 of the United States Armed Forces missing in action from
14 prior wars or military conflicts.

