AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 114-14
OFFERED BY MR. THORNBERRY OF TEXAS

Strike section 1225 and insert the following:

SEC. 1225. MODIFICATION OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO THE VETTED SYRIAN OPPOSITION.

(a) MODIFICATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1209(f) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015 (Public Law 113–291; 128 Stat. 3543) is amended—

(A) by striking “The Secretary of Defense” and inserting the following:

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2), the Secretary of Defense”;

(B) by striking “for Overseas Contingency Operations” and inserting “under the Syria Train and Equip Fund”; and

(C) by further adding at the end the following:

“(2) REPORT REQUIRED.—At the same time the Secretary of Defense submits a request for a re-programming or transfer of funds under paragraph
(1), the Secretary shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report that contains the following:

“(A) UPDATE.—An update of the comprehensive strategy required under section 1225(b) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016.

“(B) CERTIFICATION.—A certification that—

“(i) a required number and type of United States Armed Forces have been established to meet the objectives of the strategy and such Armed Forces, including support and enablers, have been or will be deployed to meet the objectives of the strategy; and

“(ii) a required amount of support, including support provided by United States Armed Forces and enablers, has been or will be provided by the United States to the elements of the Syrian opposition that are to be trained and equipped under this section to ensure that such elements are able to defend themselves from attacks by ISIL and Government of Syria forces con-
sistent with the purposes set forth in subsection (a).

“(C) Use of Funds.—A detailed description of how the funds subject to the request for a reprogramming or transfer of funds under paragraph (1) will be used to meet the objectives of the strategy.”.

(2) Effective Date.—The amendments made by this subsection take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act and apply with respect to any request for a reprogramming or transfer of funds under section 1209(f) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015, as amended by paragraph (1), that is submitted on or after such date of enactment.

(b) Comprehensive Strategy Required.—

(1) In General.—Not later than 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a comprehensive strategy for Syria and Iraq.

(2) Matters to be Included.—The comprehensive strategy shall contain the following:

(A) An identification of requirements that have been established to ensure that assistance
provided to appropriately vetted elements of the
Syrian opposition and other appropriately vet-
ted Syrian groups and individuals achieve the
purposes set forth in section 1209(a) of the Na-
tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal
3541).

(B) A description of United States policy
and strategy for addressing the Assad regime in
Syria and the post-Assad regime in Syria.

(C) A detailed explanation of how the mili-
tary campaigns in Syria and Iraq are integrated
and a description of the goals, objectives, and
the end states for Syria and Iraq, including a
description of how the train and equip pro-
grams in Iraq and Syria support the goals, ob-
jectives, and end states in Iraq and Syria.

(D) A description of the roles and respon-
sibilities of each coalition country under the
strategy.

(E) A description of the relevant agency
roles and responsibilities and interagency co-
ordination under the strategy.

(3) DEFINITION.—In this subsection, the term
“appropriate congressional committees” has the