

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

Strike section 1225 and insert the following:

1 **SEC. 1225. MODIFICATION OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE AS-**  
2 **SISTANCE TO THE VETTED SYRIAN OPPOSI-**  
3 **TION.**

4 (a) MODIFICATION.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1209(f) of the Na-  
6 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year  
7 2015 (Public Law 113–291; 128 Stat. 3543) is  
8 amended—

9 (A) by striking “The Secretary of De-  
10 fense” and inserting the following:

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

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

16 (C) by further adding at the end the fol-  
17 lowing:

18 “(2) REPORT REQUIRED.—At the same time  
19 the Secretary of Defense submits a request for a re-  
20 programming or transfer of funds under paragraph

1 (1), the Secretary shall submit to the appropriate  
2 congressional committees a report that contains the  
3 following:

4 “(A) UPDATE.—An update of the com-  
5 prehensive strategy required under section  
6 1225(b) of the National Defense Authorization  
7 Act for Fiscal Year 2016.

8 “(B) CERTIFICATION.—A certification  
9 that—

10 “(i) a required number and type of  
11 United States Armed Forces have been es-  
12 tablished to meet the objectives of the  
13 strategy and such Armed Forces, including  
14 support and enablers, have been or will be  
15 deployed to meet the objectives of the  
16 strategy; and

17 “(ii) a required amount of support, in-  
18 cluding support provided by United States  
19 Armed Forces and enablers, has been or  
20 will be provided by the United States to  
21 the elements of the Syrian opposition that  
22 are to be trained and equipped under this  
23 section to ensure that such elements are  
24 able to defend themselves from attacks by  
25 ISIL and Government of Syria forces con-

1                   sistent with the purposes set forth in sub-  
2                   section (a).

3                   “(C) USE OF FUNDS.—A detailed descrip-  
4                   tion of how the funds subject to the request for  
5                   a reprogramming or transfer of funds under  
6                   paragraph (1) will be used to meet the objec-  
7                   tives of the strategy.”.

8                   (2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made  
9                   by this subsection take effect on the date of the en-  
10                  actment of this Act and apply with respect to any  
11                  request for a reprogramming or transfer of funds  
12                  under section 1209(f) of the National Defense Au-  
13                  thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015, as amended by  
14                  paragraph (1), that is submitted on or after such  
15                  date of enactment.

16                  (b) COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGY REQUIRED.—

17                  (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after  
18                  the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
19                  of Defense shall submit to the appropriate congres-  
20                  sional committees a comprehensive strategy for  
21                  Syria and Iraq.

22                  (2) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—The com-  
23                  prehensive strategy shall contain the following:

24                  (A) An identification of requirements that  
25                  have been established to ensure that assistance

1 provided to appropriately vetted elements of the  
2 Syrian opposition and other appropriately vet-  
3 ted Syrian groups and individuals achieve the  
4 purposes set forth in section 1209(a) of the Na-  
5 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal  
6 Year 2015 (Public Law 113–291; 128 Stat.  
7 3541).

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

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

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

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

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

1 meaning given the term in section 1209(e)(2) of the  
2 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year  
3 2015 (Public Law 113–291; 128 Stat. 3543).

