

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 115-

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Page 102, after line 13, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 2509. FINDINGS RELATING TO THE INTELLIGENCE**
2 **COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT ENTITLED “AS-**
3 **SESSING RUSSIAN ACTIVITIES AND INTEN-**
4 **TIONS IN RECENT U.S. ELECTIONS”.**

5 Congress makes the following findings:

6 (1) The Intelligence Community Assessment re-
7 leased in January 2017 entitled “Assessing Russian
8 Activities and Intentions in Recent U.S. Elections”
9 (hereinafter referred to as the “ICA”) determined
10 that Russian activities in the run-up to the 2016
11 presidential election represented a significant esca-
12 lation in a long history of Russian attempts to inter-
13 fere in United States domestic politics.

14 (2) This escalation was made possible by cyber-
15 espionage and cyber-driven covert influence oper-
16 ations, conducted as part of a broader active meas-
17 ures campaign that included overt messaging
18 through Russian-controlled propaganda platforms.

1 (3) The ICA revealed key elements of a com-
2 prehensive and multifaceted Russian campaign
3 against the United States as it was understood by
4 the intelligence community at the end of 2016.

5 (4) In early December of 2016, President
6 Obama asked the intelligence community to write an
7 assessment that would capture the existing intel-
8 ligence on Russian interference in United States
9 elections.

10 (5) By early January, the Central Intelligence
11 Agency, the National Security Agency, and the Fed-
12 eral Bureau of Investigation produced the ICA
13 under the auspices of the Office of the Director of
14 National Intelligence, which is a joint assessment
15 and which included both classified and unclassified
16 versions.

17 (6) The intelligence community satisfied Presi-
18 dent Obama's request and the ICA is a sound intel-
19 ligence product.

20 (7) While Congress had to rely on agencies that
21 the sensitive information and accesses had been ac-
22 curately reported, Congress reviewed analytic proce-
23 dures, interviewed senior intelligence officers well-
24 versed with the information, and based findings on

1 the entire body of intelligence reporting included in
2 the ICA.

3 (8) Congress finds the difference in confidence
4 levels between the National Security Agency and the
5 Central Intelligence Agency and Federal Bureau of
6 Investigation on the assessment that “Putin and the
7 Russian Government aspired to help President-elect
8 Trump’s election chances” appropriately represents
9 analytic differences and was reached in a profes-
10 sional and transparent manner.

11 (9) In all the interviews of those who drafted
12 and prepared the ICA, analysts consistently indi-
13 cated they were under no politically motivated pres-
14 sure to reach any conclusions and were free to de-
15 bate, object to content, and assess confidence levels,
16 as is normal and proper for the analytic process.

17 (10) As the inquiry has progressed since Janu-
18 ary 2017, Congress has seen additional examples of
19 Russia’s attempts to sow discord, undermine demo-
20 cratic institutions, and interfere in United States
21 elections and those of our allies.

