AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 116-26

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Add at the end of the bill the following:

SEC. 15. CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION OF FOREIGN NA TIONAL DEATHS IN CUSTODY; COMMITTEE
 HEARINGS ON FOREIGN NATIONAL DEATHS
 IN CUSTODY REQUIRED IN THE HOUSE.

5 (a) Congressional Notification of Foreign Na-6 TIONAL DEATHS IN CUSTODY.—Not later than 24 hours 7 after a foreign national dies while in the custody of the Secretary of Homeland Security or the Secretary of 8 9 Health and Human Services, the appropriate Secretary 10 shall notify Congress of such death, which notification shall include a description of the circumstances of such 11 12 death.

13 (b) COMMITTEE HEARINGS ON FOREIGN NATIONAL14 DEATHS IN CUSTODY REQUIRED IN THE HOUSE.—

(1) AMENDMENT TO THE RULES OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—Rule XI of the
Rules of the House of Representatives is amended
by adding at the end the following new clause:

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Committee hearings on foreign national deaths in custody required

3 "(7) Not later than one week after receiving a notification under section 15(a) of the Humanitarian Standards 4 for Individuals in Customs and Border Protection Custody 5 Act that a foreign national died while in the custody of 6 7 the Secretary of Homeland Security or the Secretary of Health and Human Services, the chair of the Committee 8 9 on Oversight and Reform or another standing committee 10 of jurisdiction shall convene a hearing to receive testimony 11 from appropriate agency officials related to the death.".

12 (2) EXERCISE OF RULEMAKING POWER.—The
13 provisions of this subsection are enacted by the Con14 gress—

(A) as an exercise of the rulemaking power
of the House of Representatives, and as such
they shall be considered as part of the rules of
the House, and such rules shall supersede other
rules only to the extent that they are inconsistent therewith; and

(B) with full recognition of the constitutional right of the House of Representatives to
change such rules at any time, in the same
manner, and to the same extent as in the case
of any other rule of the House.

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