

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 115-23**

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At the end of subtitle H of title XII, add the following:

1 **SEC. 12 \_\_\_\_. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON THE NORTH ATLANTIC**  
2 **TREATY ORGANIZATION.**

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

4 (1) The North Atlantic Treaty Organization  
5 (NATO) has been the cornerstone of transatlantic  
6 security cooperation and an enduring instrument for  
7 promoting stability in Europe and around the world  
8 for over 65 years.

9 (2) NATO currently faces a range of security  
10 challenges, including Russian aggression in Eastern  
11 Europe and instability and conflict in the Middle  
12 East and North Africa.

13 (3) In light of these and other threats, NATO  
14 must have a credible deterrence to defend NATO  
15 members, if necessary, against adversaries or  
16 threats.

17 (4) Since the 2014 NATO summit in Wales and  
18 the 2016 summit in Warsaw, NATO has made  
19 progress in implementing a Readiness Action Plan

1 to enhance allied readiness and collective defense in  
2 response to Russian aggression. However, much  
3 work remains to be done.

4 (5) NATO's solidarity is strengthened by bol-  
5 stering its conventional and nuclear deterrence, in-  
6 creasing defense spending by NATO members, and  
7 continuing the enlargement of NATO.

8 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-  
9 gress that—

10 (1) NATO members should—

11 (A) continue to advance the NATO Open-  
12 Door Policy and build on the successes of pre-  
13 vious enlargement initiatives;

14 (B) continue to work with countries that  
15 are seeking to join NATO to prepare for entry;

16 (C) commend Montenegro's final accession  
17 to NATO;

18 (D) seek a Dayton II agreement to resolve  
19 the constitutional issues faced by Bosnia and  
20 Herzegovina;

21 (E) work with the Republic of Kosovo to  
22 prepare the country for entrance into the  
23 NATO Partnership for Peace program;

24 (F) continue support for the NATO Mem-  
25 bership Action Plan for Georgia;

1 (G) implement specific plans to ensure that  
2 sufficient investments are made to meet NATO  
3 responsibilities, including by allocating at least  
4 2 percent of each member's gross domestic  
5 product to defense spending, 20 percent of  
6 which should be dedicated to major equipment  
7 procurement, as agreed at the 2014 Wales  
8 Summit and reaffirmed at the 2016 Warsaw  
9 Summit;

10 (H) continue to build on efforts to identify  
11 and address, through consensus, the security  
12 threats facing the alliance, such as by enhanc-  
13 ing counterterrorism activities;

14 (I) continue to bolster deterrence efforts  
15 and promote the Enhanced Forward Presence  
16 in Eastern Europe;

17 (J) as decided at the 2016 Warsaw Sum-  
18 mit, use the new rotational deployments of four  
19 multinational combat battalions in Poland,  
20 Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia to promote sta-  
21 bility in that region as well as to deter Russian  
22 aggression; and

23 (K) invest in infrastructure projects nec-  
24 essary to guarantee free and efficient movement

1            throughout the territories of NATO members;  
2            and  
3            (2) the United States should commit to main-  
4            taining a robust military presence in Europe as a  
5            means of promoting allied interoperability, providing  
6            visible assurance to NATO allies, and deterring Rus-  
7            sian aggression in the region.

