

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
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Page 79, after line 23, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 241. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON NEGOTIATIONS AFFECT-**
2 **ING THE MISSILE DEFENSES OF THE UNITED**
3 **STATES.**

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

5 (1) On April 15, 2013, the National Security
6 Advisor to the President, Tom Donilon, conveyed a
7 personal letter from President Obama to the Presi-
8 dent of the Russian Federation, Vladimir Putin.

9 (2) Press reports indicate that in this letter the
10 President proposed, “developing a legally-binding
11 agreement on transparency, which would include ex-
12 change of information to confirm that our programs
13 do not pose a threat to each other’s deterrence
14 forces,” through “a so-called executive agreement,
15 for which [the President] does not need to seek the
16 consent of Congress.”.

17 (3) The Deputy Foreign Minister of Russia,
18 Sergei Ryabkov, stated in response to the letter that,
19 “the proposals of the U.S. side on the issue are

1 quite concrete and are related in a certain way to
2 the discussions our countries had at various levels in
3 the past years. And it cannot be said from this point
4 of view that the offers are decorative and not seri-
5 ous. No, I want to emphasize that we are commit-
6 ting to the seriousness of these proposals but we
7 note their insufficiency.”.

8 (4) Press reports indicate that the Secretary of
9 the Russian Security Council, Nikolai Patrushev,
10 conveyed a response to the letter from President
11 Putin.

12 (5) President Obama’s proposed deal with Rus-
13 sian President Putin has been kept secret from Con-
14 gress and the American people.

15 (6) The Administration has systematically de-
16 nied Congress information about past offers of U.S.
17 missile defense concessions to Russia, including writ-
18 ten requests from Members of the House of Rep-
19 resentatives.

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

22 (1) the President should promptly convey to
23 Congress the details of any proposed deals with the
24 Russian Federation concerning the missile defenses
25 or nuclear arms of the United States; and

1 (2) the missile defenses of the United States
2 are central to the defense of the homeland from bal-
3 listic missile threats, particularly if nuclear deter-
4 rence fails, thus such defenses are not something
5 that the President should continue to trade away for
6 the prospects of nuclear arms reductions with Rus-
7 sia, the People's Republic of China, or any other for-
8 eign country.

