AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
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OFFERED BY MR. VARGAS OF CALIFORNIA

At the end of subtitle E of title X, add the following new section:

SEC. 1051. LIMITATION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDING FOR HOMEBASING OF CERTAIN F–35 AIRCRAFT.

(a) LIMITATION.—None of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2015 for the Department of Defense may be obligated or expended to implement a final decision affecting the homebasing of F–35 aircraft on the West Coast of the United States until the date on which the Secretary submits to the congressional defense committees the comparative financial analysis under subsection (b).

(b) ANALYSIS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall conduct a comparative financial analysis of homebasing F–35 aircraft at Naval Air Facility El Centro and Naval Air Station Lemoore.

(2) MATTERS INCLUDED.—The analysis conducted under paragraph (1) shall include the following:
(A) Annual operational costs to perform the training missions at each location specified in paragraph (1).

(B) Annual costs associated with detachment training at each location specified in paragraph (1).

(C) Estimated annual costs of flying F–35 aircraft to and from each location specified in paragraph (1) to the depots for such aircraft.

(D) Cost savings that might be achieved by homebasing such aircraft at Naval Air Facility El Centro, which is in close proximity to the F–35 aircraft of the Marine Corps located at both Miramar Marine Corps Air Station and Yuma Marine Corps Air Station.

(E) Cost savings that might be achieved by homebasing the F–35 aircraft at Naval Air Station Lemoore.

(F) Estimated annual costs of F–35 aircraft detachment training that would continue at each location specified in paragraph (1), even if the location is not used as the homebase for F–35 aircraft.

(G) Comparison of military construction costs associated with homebasing such aircraft
at Naval Air Facility El Centro versus Naval Air Station Lemoore.

(H) Comparison of the net cost savings to be achieved over 10 and 20 year budget horizons by homebasing such aircraft at Naval Air Facility El Centro versus Naval Air Station Lemoore.