

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 119–8
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At the end of subtitle A of title XVII, add the following new section:

1 SEC. 17____. PROHIBITION OF UNAUTHORIZED MILITARY
2 FORCE IN OR AGAINST MEXICO.

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection
4 (b), no Federal funds may be made available for any use
5 of military force in or against Mexico unless Congress
6 has—

7 (1) declared war on Mexico; or

8 (2) enacted specific statutory authorization for
9 such use of military force after the date of the en-
10 actment of this Act that meets the requirements of
11 the War Powers Resolution (50 U.S.C. 1541 et
12 seq.).

13 (b) EXCEPTIONS.—The prohibition under subsection
14 (a) shall not apply to a use of military force that is con-
15 sistent with section (2)(c) of the War Powers Resolution
16 (50 U.S.C. 1541(c)).

17 (c) RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
18 tion may be construed—

1 (1) to relieve the executive branch of restric-
2 tions on the use of force, reporting, or consultation
3 requirements set forth in the War Powers Resolution
4 (50 U.S.C. 1541 et seq.);

5 (2) to prevent the President from using nec-
6 essary and appropriate force to defend allies and
7 partners of the United States, if Congress enacts
8 specific statutory authorization for such use of force
9 consistent with the requirements of the War Powers
10 Resolution (50 U.S.C. 1541 et seq.); or

11 (3) to prohibit the use of the Armed Forces of
12 the United States to rescue United States citizens in
13 Mexico.

14 (d) CLARIFICATION OF CURRENT LAW.—Nothing in
15 the Authorization for Use of Military Force (Public Law
16 107–40; 50 U.S.C. 1541 note), the Authorization for Use
17 of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution of 2002 (Public
18 Law 107–243; 50 U.S.C. 1541 note), or any other provi-
19 sion of law enacted before the date of enactment of this
20 Act may be construed to provide authorization for the use
21 of military force against Mexico.

