

AMENDMENT TO
RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 117-54
OFFERED BY MR. KEATING OF MASSACHUSETTS

Page 826, insert after line 13 the following:

1 **SEC. 1236. CONDEMNING DETENTION AND INDICTMENT OF**
2 **RUSSIAN OPPOSITION LEADER VLADIMIR**
3 **VLADIMIROVICH KARA-MURZA.**

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

5 (1) Vladimir Vladimirovich Kara-Murza (re-
6 ferred to in this section as “Mr. Kara-Murza”) has
7 tirelessly worked for decades to advance the cause of
8 freedom, democracy, and human rights for the peo-
9 ple of the Russian Federation.

10 (2) In retaliation for his advocacy, two attempts
11 have been made on Mr. Kara-Murza’s life, as—

12 (A) on May 26, 2015, Mr. Kara-Murza fell
13 ill with symptoms indicative of poisoning and
14 was hospitalized; and

15 (B) on February 2, 2017, he fell ill with
16 similar symptoms and was placed in a medically
17 induced coma.

18 (3) Independent investigations conducted by
19 Bellingcat, the Insider, and Der Spiegel found that

1 the same unit of the Federal Security Service of the
2 Russian Federation responsible for poisoning Mr.
3 Kara-Murza was responsible for poisoning Russian
4 opposition leader Alexei Navalny and activists Timur
5 Kuashev, Ruslan Magomedragimov, and Nikita
6 Isayev.

7 (4) On February 24, 2022, Vladimir Putin
8 launched another unprovoked, unjustified, and illegal
9 invasion into Ukraine in contravention of the obliga-
10 tions freely undertaken by the Russian Federation to
11 respect the territorial integrity of Ukraine under the
12 Budapest Memorandum of 1994, the Minsk proto-
13 cols of 2014 and 2015, and international law.

14 (5) On March 5, 2022, Vladimir Putin signed
15 a law criminalizing the distribution of truthful state-
16 ments about the invasion of Ukraine by the Russian
17 Federation and mandating up to 15 years in prison
18 for such offenses.

19 (6) Since February 24, 2022, Mr. Kara-Murza
20 has used his voice and platform to join more than
21 15,000 citizens of the Russian Federation in peace-
22 fully protesting the war against Ukraine and mil-
23 lions more who silently oppose the war.

24 (7) On April 11, 2022, five police officers ar-
25 rested Mr. Kara-Murza in front of his home and de-

1 nied his right to an attorney, and the next day Mr.
2 Kara-Murza was sentenced to 15 days in prison for
3 disobeying a police order.

4 (8) On April 22, 2022, the Investigative Com-
5 mittee of the Russian Federation charged Mr. Kara-
6 Murza with violations under the law signed on
7 March 5, 2022, for his fact-based statements con-
8 demning the invasion of Ukraine by the Russian
9 Federation.

10 (9) Mr. Kara-Murza was then placed into pre-
11 trial detention and ordered to be held until at least
12 June 12, 2022.

13 (10) If convicted of those charges, Mr. Kara-
14 Murza faces detention in a penitentiary system that
15 human rights nongovernmental organizations have
16 criticized for widespread torture, ill-treatment, and
17 suspicious deaths of prisoners.

18 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
19 gress that Congress—

20 (1) condemns the unjust detention and indict-
21 ing of Russian opposition leader Vladimir
22 Vladimirovich Kara-Murza, who has courageously
23 stood up to oppression in the Russian Federation;

24 (2) expresses solidarity with Vladimir
25 Vladimirovich Kara-Murza, his family, and all indi-

1 viduals in the Russian Federation imprisoned for ex-
2 ercising their fundamental freedoms of speech, as-
3 sembly, and belief;

4 (3) urges the United States Government and
5 other allied governments to work to secure the im-
6 mediate release of Vladimir Vladimirovich Kara-
7 Murza, Alexei Navalny, and other citizens of the
8 Russian Federation imprisoned for opposing the re-
9 gime of Vladimir Putin and the war against
10 Ukraine; and

11 (4) calls on the President to increase support
12 provided by the United States Government for those
13 advocating for democracy and independent media in
14 the Russian Federation, which Vladimir
15 Vladimirovich Kara-Murza has worked to advance.

