

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT  
FOR H.R. 1735  
OFFERED BY MR. YOUNG OF ALASKA**

At the end of subtitle D of title I, add the following  
new section:

**1 SEC. 136. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING THE OCONUS  
2 BASING OF THE F-35A AIRCRAFT.**

**3 (a) FINDINGS.**—Congress makes the following find-  
**4 ings:**

**5 (1)** The Department of Defense is continuing  
**6** its process of permanently stationing the F-35 air-  
**7** craft at installations in the Continental United  
**8** States (in this section referred to as “CONUS”) and  
**9** forward-basing Outside the Continental United  
**10** States (in this section referred to as “OCONUS”).

**11 (2)** The Secretary of the Air Force has, from  
**12** a list of bases which included two United States can-  
**13** didate bases in Alaska and three foreign OCONUS  
**14** candidate bases, selected Eielson Air Force Base as  
**15** the preferred alternative for two of Pacific Air  
**16** Force’s F-35A Lightning II squadrons in Alaska.

**17 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.**—It is the sense of Con-  
**18** gress that the Secretary of the Air Force, in the strategic

1 basing process for the F-35A aircraft, should continue to  
2 place emphasis on the benefits derived from sites that—

3           (1) are capable of hosting fighter-based bilat-  
4           eral and multilateral training opportunities with  
5           international partners;

6           (2) have sufficient airspace and range capabili-  
7           ties and capacity to meet the training requirements;

8           (3) have existing facilities to support personnel,  
9           operations, and logistics associated with the flying  
10          mission;

11          (4) have limited encroachment that would ad-  
12          versely impact training or operations; and

13          (5) minimize the overall construction and oper-  
14          ational costs.

