

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
FOR H.R. 4435
OFFERED BY MR. YOUNG OF ALASKA**

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the following:

1 **SEC. 142. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING THE OCONUS**
2 **BASING OF THE F-35A.**

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

5 (1) The Department of Defense has begun its
6 process of permanently stationing the F-35 at instal-
7 lations in the Continental United States (in this sec-
8 tion referred to as “CONUS”) and forward-basing
9 Outside the Continental United States (in this sec-
10 tion referred to as “OCONUS”).

11 (2) The Secretary of the Air Force is assessing
12 operating bases for the F-35A to support Pacific Air
13 Forces, which includes two United States candidate
14 bases in Alaska and three foreign OCONUS can-
15 didate bases.

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

1 basing process for the F-35A, should place emphasis on
2 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.

