AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
FOR H.R. 4435
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Add at the end of subtitle E of title I of division A the following:

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

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following findings:

(1) The Department of Defense has begun its process of permanently stationing the F-35 at installations in the Continental United States (in this section referred to as “CONUS”) and forward-basing Outside the Continental United States (in this section referred to as “OCONUS”).

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

(b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the Sense of Congress that the Secretary of the Air Force, in the strategic
basing process for the F-35A, should place emphasis on
the benefits derived from sites that—

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

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

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

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

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